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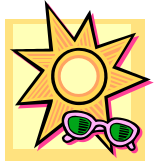
**I** was reading the other day where a Madison, Wisconsin-based group called the Freedom From Religion Foundation filed suit in Wisconsin claiming the National Day of Prayer is unconstitutional. Then they also filed a lawsuit challenging President Obama's right to proclaim the National Day of Prayer! They won the cases in the lower court (scary!), but a federal appeals court threw out the lower court's rulings and dismissed both lawsuits. "The proclamation is a request, not a demand," said the appeals court.

The first Thursday in May (May 5<sup>th</sup> this year) has been designated a National Day of Prayer since the year 1988. Prayer is part of a relationship where we communicate with a God who listens and answers us. Paul wrote in Colossians 4:2: "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with Thanksgiving." Paul continues to talk about the subject of prayer in 2 Thessalonians 3:1: "Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly, and be glorified everywhere!"

So, please pray – every day; but, please pray especially hard on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in honor of our God and our country (and for the Freedom From Religion Foundation)!

— *Pastor Blohm*

## **SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES**



Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, June 5th and runs through Sunday, September 4th. We will have only one service at 9:00 am and no Sunday School for the summer. We will alternate between the 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 with the celebration format, etc. (The exception will be the Aug. 28th service that will be the celebration format with no communion.) See you this summer!

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to our 8th graders who were confirmed on April 3rd: Brant Anderson, Bryce Anderson, and Kevin Witt. May God bless you as you continue your journey with Him.



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

This year's Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, July 14th. This year's theme is "PandaMania: Where God is Wild About You."

Vacation Bible School is for ages 3 through fifth grade and is a great ministry tool for helping kids become closer to Jesus. Please pray and ask God how He might want you to help! If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact Jamie Blazevich at 419-691-7222 or email her at [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
MAY 23rd



## MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

Cynthia Henderson  
44425 Scobee  
California, MD 20619

Steve & Peggy Torda  
1838 Eldridge Loop  
The Villages, FL 32162

### MEMBER UPDATES

#### Births

None of which we are aware.

#### Baptisms

4-4-11 Dawn Howard (adult) and her daughter, Lauren Howard 12/11/98.

4-23-11 Tyrell Khalil Manyatta, born 12/16/10 to Tekhan Manyatta and Barbra Hartley. Sponsors are Stephanie Koester and Matthew Sigurdson.

#### Marriages

None.

#### Deaths

None.

#### Transfers to St. John

None.

#### Transfers from St. John

None

### ELDERS FOR MAY

|      | <u>7:45 am</u>                  | <u>10:15 am</u>                        |
|------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1st  | Eric Johnson<br>Linda Kusian    | Jeff Smith<br>Dick Haar<br>Bill Nelson |
| 8th  | Jeff Smith<br>Jim Swanson       | Mike Winslow<br>Dick Haar              |
| 15th | Darold Henninger<br>Jeff Smith  | Bill Nelson<br>Kevin Ruedy             |
| 22nd | Bernie Erdmann<br>Linda Erdmann | Eric Johnson<br>Linda Kusian           |
| 29th | Mike Winslow<br>Dick Haar       | Jeff Smith<br>Jim Swanson              |

### SIMPLY GIVING® PROGRAM

Save yourself from trying to remember to bring your checkbook on Sunday morning or remembering to make out your offering envelope before Sunday. At no cost to you or First St. John, you can have your offering electronically deducted from your bank account as you can with utility and other payments.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans endorses a program called Simply Giving®, which offers this service to those who want to have their offering electronically transferred to their church. If you travel or work on Sundays, this program is helpful in keeping up with your intended offerings, and it will keep you from having to make up the difference later. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to participate.

If you are interested in signing up for this program, contact Toni in the church office for a form to get started.

### 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 Doratha Berger by Gene Hagedorn, Ada Kreger.

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by Gene Hagedorn, Gary & Penny DeWitt, Terry & Fran Marshall, Karen Bless, Janine Contat, Eric & Cindy Johnson, Hilda Saelzler, Bill & Cathy Caldwell, Joan Probasco, Jerry Curran, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Bob & Kathy Cutcher.

In memory of Warren Danekind by Doris Danekind.

### ALTAR GUILD

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by Terry & Jane Schuetz.

In memory of Betty LeBlanc by Jean DeWitt.

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

In memory of Doratha Berger by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

### WELCA

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by the Altar Guild.

### QUILTERS

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by Olga Zimmerman, Donna Koester, Jean DeWitt, Chuck & Betty Hyre, George & Elaine Ackerman, Carlene Trost, Dave & Pam Roberts, Rebecca Circle, Pat & Judy Kelley, Ada Kreger; Sue, Monica & Joel Moszkowicz.

### DEBT RETIREMENT

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by Russ, Chris & Rachael Hunsaker.

### CURRENT FUND

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by WELCA, Esther Bell, Louise & Jim Sommers.

In memory of Doratha Berger by Esther Bell.

### CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Doratha Berger by Irene Abbott.

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by Dennis & Lisa Pavley, Nancy Gallaher.

In memory of Anne Pierce by The Pierce Family.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by Carl & Janet Morrison, Bill & Donna Nelson and family, Al Richards, Dick & Sylvie Goeke, Martha Meyers, Jeanne Mix, Laurie Mix, Ruth Ziethlow, Don & Karen Holmes, Darlene & Larry Paul.

### AIR CONDITIONING

In memory of Larry Lorenzen by Duane & Mary Hubaker.

### ***MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY TOUR VETERANS' INFORMATION NEEDED***

As we note the calendar date of May 8, 1945 celebrating V E Day (Victory in Europe), we pause to reflect on the courage and dedication of our military men and women. Our First St. John Church cemetery is the final resting place of approximately 80 veterans who protected us during war and peace time from the Civil War to the present.

A copy of our veteran records is in the church lounge's 150th Celebration display area. As a salute to our deceased veterans, please take time to review the names and assist us in updating their military branches of service and tours of duty.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Memorial Day annual cemetery salute provided by Christ Dunberger Post #537 American Legion Honor Guard on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony will take place near the flag pole behind the church immediately upon the Legion Post's arrival, sometime between 8:30 and 9:30 am.

All are invited to a Walking Tour of the cemetery from 8:30 - 11:30 while we await the Legion Post's arrival. Members of the 150th celebration committee will be available to answer questions.



## Bells and Bell Ringing

(From the Church Mouse)



The response to the call for “bell memories” has been underwhelming, so I will report what little we know. At the congregational meeting held on June 30, 1889 the record states: “Since the bell developed a crack it was decided to purchase a new one with a higher tone, but the new bell would not be hung in place before it was examined. Then the old bell will be sold to the firm Vanduzen and Tift in Cincinnati, O. as a down payment.” (Vanduzen and Tift survives today as the family-owned Viridin Company in Cincinnati. They cast the Ohio Centennial bells in each county and the giant Millennium Bell, too.)

The new bell cost \$ .17 a pound, and the foundry allowed \$ .14 a pound for the old bell metal. We have a \$63.75 receipt for the difference, which tells us the new bell is about 375 pounds heavier than the old. The new bell (still in use today) is listed by Van Duzen and Tift as 42” across the lips weighing 1,400 pounds with a medium tone of “F.”

Why a bell? Bells have been traced to a time before Christ. After the discovery of fire, melting metals soon followed. A piece of metal when dropped or struck vibrates and produces a “ringing” sound of some frequency. A collection of different sized pieces produces different frequencies. Thus the language of music was born.

Before modern technology, the church bell was the best means of communication over long distances. Before modern noise pollution, our church bell could be heard by the farmers near Curtice, Ohio. A “standard ringing” is considered 10 to 12 strikes (one tradition says 12 strikes, one for each disciple). A standard ring was performed Saturday at 6 PM as a reminder to attend Sunday services. On Sunday morning an early ring was performed at a set time before services so walkers and those traveling by horse and buggy could gauge the time and distance for a prompt arrival for services. Church bells also rung on the hour so everyone would know the time. After all, this was before “Timex” and a watch for everyone!

Standard rings were used at any hour of the day to send special coded messages, such as an ill member passing away. The standard ring would be followed by a single or double toll to indicate a male or female, followed by a toll for each year of age. (A toll is a single strike of the bell. A toll hammer has a separate rope pull from the rope used for rolling the bell in a standard ring.)

We do not have access to our 150 year old Chapel, but the bell from its steeple has been loaned to us by the Villhauer family for this sesquicentennial year. When the original Chapel was extended by 12 feet in 1867, a bell house and steeple were added. The bell cost \$8.00, and the rope was 85 cents. The bell was sold for \$1.00 at our cleanup in 1917. This bell will be mounted on a platform with wheels and can be viewed in different settings throughout the sesquicentennial year. The bell will first appear at the Memorial Day Cemetery Tour and in conjunction with the Christ Dunberger Post # 537 American Legion Honor Guard Ceremony at 8:30AM on Memorial Day. The memorial service is conducted each year at Oregon cemeteries to honor those who served with the armed forces in fighting for our freedoms.

We have 80 recorded war veterans interred here at St. John, of which only four passed in uniform while on active duty: Charles Beichter, 1892 -1919, 88 Div. American Expeditionary Force, WWI. Richard Dickey, 11-7-1943 enlisted, 6-4-1944 MIA, 9-3-44 Lost at Sea, Merchant Marine, WWII. Karl Munzenmeyer, Africa, Sicily, Anzio, southern invasion of France where was lost 9-10-1944. WWII. William Schalkhauser, 1931 - 1961, Capt. 112 TAC FTR SQ Air Force Reserve. (Earl Snyder had been Gold Starred 3-22-42 after the Navy Battle of Java. Later, found 1-2-1944, POW.)

As patriotic Christian Americans we have much to be thankful for at this Memorial Service and 150 years at First St. John Church. The MOUSE will be there. If you see me, do not touch! Bring your cane, walker or sun glasses as needed.

-- The Church Mouse aka Cemetery Mouse

## DONATE OR WALK TO HELP FIGHT BREAST CANCER

Join members of First St. John on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Levis Commons to walk for breast cancer awareness. We'll sign up team members and accept donations after both services Sunday, May 1st. Registration begins at 8:30 am; the walk begins at 9:30 am. Making Strides gives you the power to fight back and make a difference.

Please visit the website [www.cancer.org/stridesonline](http://www.cancer.org/stridesonline) and follow these instructions to make a donation or sign up for the team.

1. On the right side of the screen type in 43605. Hit ENTER.
2. Click on 2011 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of Toledo – Northwest Ohio.
3. Then click “Sign Up,” followed by “Join a Team.”
4. Type “First St. John Lutheran Church” in the Team Name spot and hit ENTER. Click on “Join” to either sign up to walk or donate.

If you don't have a computer, registration forms can be found in the lounge, the Narthex, and the church office. Or, you may place a donation marked “Making Strides” in the offering plate.

For more information and to sign up to walk with First St. John's team, please contact the church office at 419-691-7222.

## DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



This 4-man scrambles will be 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.

## PARADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



First St. John is walking in the parade at the Oregon Fest this year on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to walk in the parade and hand out candy to the bystanders. Parade walkers must be in line by 2:00 pm that day. \*\* We also will walk in the Curtice Kidz Day celebration on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. If you can help at either or both events, please contact Toni in the church office at 419-691-7222.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. We are moving our location to the Bob Evans restaurant on Navarre Ave. for a few months. If you need a ride, please call Bob Haar at 419-360-7510. All men are welcome to join us!



## RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, May 5, 10 am-4:00 pm  
Friday, May 6, 10 am-1:00 pm

All circles and everyone from the congregation are asked to help. Please call Jane Neal (419-836-1751) to volunteer. Proceeds will benefit Haydom Lutheran Hospital in Tanzania, Africa and local benevolences.

Donated items may be placed on the gym stage. When you bring your items, please refrain from placing them on the small lunch tables as our Dayschool children eat there during the week. Also, if you will need help bringing items up in the elevator, please (if possible) wait until Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to start bringing in your items.

Rummage Sale set-up will be Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm and 6 pm to 8 pm each day. Set-up and last time to bring items is Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. If you need help bringing in your items on these days, ring the bell at the outside elevator door and someone will come down in the elevator to help you.



**Prayer Chain** (as of April 26, 2011)

**Crisis Prayer List:** For those who need prayers in an urgent matter such as upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after the 1st month unless a prayer chain contact is contacted:

No crisis names

**Chronic Prayer List:** For those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, ongoing medical struggles, recovery and/or personal situations. Individuals will be moved off after 3 months unless a prayer chain contact is contacted about special circumstances:

- Sharon Arnold**
- Jordyn Beckhusen**
- Hunter Bell**
- Dorothy Blausey**
- Chris Bloomfield**
- Bill Ehsam**
- Bernie Erdmann**
- Sheena Fox**
- Zach Harrell**
- Daria Heben**
- Adam Howell**
- Kay Johnson**
- Family of Larry Lorenzen**
- George "Skip" McCullough**
- Bill Meyers**
- Charlie Ohlson**
- Libby Reed**
- Family of Fred Saelzler**
- Hilda Saelzler**
- Bishop Sanchez**
- Mark Shepard**
- Lindsey Steele**
- Family of Jeremy Tate**
- Family of Norbert & Nancy Thiel**
- Ian Vargo**
- George & Lee Wagner**
- Family of Kate Webb**
- Candy Webster**
- Terry Williams**
- Raetta Zeisler**

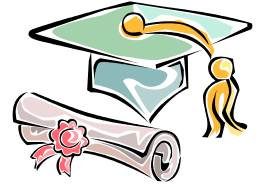
Please check the list and let a prayer chain contact know if individuals can be moved off the list.

**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 as all graduates will be recognized.

If you know of a graduate, please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate, mail to the church office, or fax this page to 419-691-7220 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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6 YES, WE PLAN TO BE AT THE SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_



## FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S DESK

I feel so blessed to be the Christian Education Director for this wonderful church. This brand new position is a blank canvas, and I am so excited to see what God will do with it. The support and excitement that I have been shown since accepting this position is amazing. Thank you to all who have sent cards, flowers and chocolate! I am blessed. I look forward to working hard for the church and the Dayschool and watching how God moves us all closer to Him. Blessings!

— *Jamie Blazeovich*

### Upcoming Events:

**Sunday, May 1** - No JAM/Renew classes- Dayschool Sings: This is a wonderful time to introduce yourself to our visitors. Who knows, you might make such an impact on them that they will want to join our church!

**Sunday, May 8** – JAM/Renew Classes 9:00. JAM Singers – Mother’s Day. Remember the women who have mothered you in your life.

**Sunday, May 15** - JAM/Renew Classes 9:00

**Sunday, May 22** – JAM/Renew Classes 9:00 – Last Day of Classes

**Sunday, May 22** - Dayschool and JAM Kindergarten Recognition at the 10:15 service, cookout after the service.

**VBS—SAVE THE DATE:** “PandaMania – Where God is Wild about You,” is coming! Vacation Bible School dates have been set! Please mark your calendars for July 10th -14th. We will need volunteers for this awesome five-day event, so if you are interested in volunteering, please mark your calendars and look for more details to come.



## COMPANY IS COMING!

Our Dayschool children will sing for us on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please plan to attend on this day to hear their beautiful voices and also to welcome their families. We have had a busy year working with these families to include them in our congregation. Let's not miss this opportunity to minister to them on this day. To make this day a success, we need to ask for some help from you. Please consider helping out in the following ways:

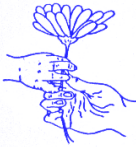
1. If possible, please leave parking spaces open in the lot across the street. You may want to park at the Grove or next door at the old orphanage. The Dayschool bus will shuttle people to the church and back if you park in these areas.
2. We'll have chairs in the church basement with a live feed of the service on a television for all to see. Please consider offering your pew to a visiting family and going to the basement to worship.
3. Please introduce yourself to those around you and make them feel welcome.

Please plan on attending this service even though it may be very crowded. We need everyone to help make this service a success!

## CHURCH PICNIC AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> we are celebrating a successful school year both in the Dayschool and in the J.A.M. department. On that day we will recognize all of our kindergarten students as they graduate, and we will honor past and present members of the Dayschool staff as well as present members of the J.A.M. staff. After church that day we'll have a picnic and ice cream social after the late service. If you would be willing to donate food or tableware for this event, please contact one of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee members: Bill Caldwell, Mike Winslow, Jane Schuetz, or Marge Bollinger. Thanks!



## DAYSCHOOL NEWS

Dear Friends,

It's never easy to say goodbye, and as teachers who have grown to love the children of our school, goodbyes are particularly hard. Our children may be moving on to another teacher or school soon, but we want to take this last month to celebrate the circle of friends created by a year of fun and learning. We are so thankful to have been given the opportunity to love and appreciate who they are and the gifts God has blessed them with. We know that celebrating what we have learned this year will help the children (as well as the teachers!) know we will always be connected . . . no matter where we go next.

Registration looks wonderful for next year! Many classes are full or close to it! Please continue to spread the word about our school and all we have to offer.

Thank you . . . I've said it before and I want to keep on saying it. You play such an important part in this ministry. Whether it's speaking to a parent in the hallway or greeting them as they enter the building, you send a message to the community about this church and its ministry. So many of you share kind words with me or stop by to let me know you value the importance of who we are and what we are accomplishing. We have one hundred and ninety children learning about Jesus five days a week! This ministry would not exist without the support of this congregation. Please continue to believe in its importance.

In Him,  
Barb Shellhammer

## MILITARY SERVICE NOTES

Here are the names and addresses of members, family, and 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*  
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

## ZUMBA IS HERE!

Zumba is an exercise/dance class set to a Latin beat, and we've got classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the gym. Everyone is welcome. Even though this can be strenuous, you can participate at your own pace. Freewill donation (no set charge) for each class. Registration forms are in the lounge; just bring it with you to class. Join us for a fun workout!

**ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?** 

Join other believers for Bible discussions, sharing church-related events, and keeping in touch on our Facebook page. Become a fan of First St. John Lutheran Church today!



## COUNCIL MINUTES - APRIL 19, 2011

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The meeting was opened with devotion by Pastor Blohm. The president asked for the roll to be taken. The minutes were read, and since there was no quorum there would be no voting.

**Board of Ed. Report** The JAM kids will sing on Mother's Day. May 22 a special service is being planned to recognize the JAM and Dayschool kindergartners. VBS has been scheduled for the summer.

**Elders Report-** The work schedule for Easter services has been made and sent to the secretary. There are 5 applicants for the Winslow scholarship. Lynn Folk has resigned from Elders because of a conflict in her work schedule. Kevin Ruedy has accepted to be on the Elders for the remainder of the year.

**Property Mgmt Report** The treads on the stairs in the back of the Ed. Building are misshapen and they are looking to fix those. Freezer in the basement needs to be moved for rummage sale.

**Finance Report** Jim gave the finance report and the treasurer report together. For the year the current checking is down by \$53,000. All in all we were down \$19,000 earlier this year, but now are down \$6,000. This has come about by Mary departing and Jamie coming in. Hopefully with Easter we will get an increase in giving. In the first quarter of this year the church spent \$2800 on church activity. Current offering for the quarter has been \$64,000 as compared to giving a year ago at \$58,000, so it is up. Heating cost less this year than a year ago. There was a decline in real estate taxes somewhat. The Thrivent Choice Dollars program allows people to designate funds back to the church through Thrivent; we have received \$1200 dollars for the first quarter of the year. Jim said there will be an inventory of the church property. Jim has a prepared sheet for inventory for each group within the church.

**Christian Education Director** Jamie Blazeovich gave her report on what she has been working on since she started this week. She is planning on getting St. Mark's youth and our youth together. She is updating some items on the website to put more on there for others to listen to. She is attending an online seminar for social technology. She has updated the church logo. Putting church info in the Blade to advertise service times, and she will check with Jim Sommers for funds to advertise. For the May 1<sup>st</sup> service with the Dayschool children the bus will be used to help move people to the church. She talked about being in the Oregon Fest parade. She would like to purchase a 2x6 banner to carry.

**Pastor Report** Pastor Blohm welcomed the 3 confirmands : Kevin Witt, Brant Anderson, Bryce Anderson. Barb is to be congratulated for her teaching of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade catechism class. The Synod assembly is May 20-21. The Synod is advertising the Mission Connector where they will send out speakers to talk about mission giving to the various church councils. Pastor Tim Philabaum wants to come to speak to council on this topic and he might be here in May. May 15<sup>th</sup> Beverly Harkey will preach. She is our former secretary and is now a lay minister.

**Old Business** None

**New Business** None

Bill Caldwell reviewed what the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee is working on. Events were covered for the upcoming months such as guest preachers, cook out, etc. The group REWIND from St. Mark is coming in June to do a service.

The meeting was closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Habegger