

# First St. John Journal



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elebrate-- To mark by festivities or other deviation from routine. To observe a notable occasion with festivities." What the word "celebrate" means to others: "Celebration is at first being joyful and thankful and then making merry." "Celebration is a time of singing and dancing" (the Free Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary).

**A A A A A A A** 

We have been given a lot of reasons to celebrate in April. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> we will celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism for Logan Cluckey, Ben Keller, Marie Ivan and LeAnn Winslow. A reason to celebrate! But not *the* reason to celebrate.

That is reserved for what God did in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And you are cordially invited to share in the joy and celebration of Life – new Life In Jesus that His resurrection brings. Come and join in the celebration. You are invited!

— Pastor Blohm



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The price of paper has gone up considerably in the last several months. We need to reduce costs where we can. We strongly suggest that if you have email, please send your email address to the church office to begin receiving the newsletter that way. Another good reason to do this is that we cannot be sure the bulk mail processing unit in Toledo will remain open. To be added to the email distribution list, please email office@firststjohn.com Thank you.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

# Palm Sunday, April 1

7:45 am — Worship

9:00 am — Sunday School

10:15 am — Worship

## Maundy Thursday, April 5

12:00 pm — Worship

7:00 pm — Worship

#### Good Friday, April 6

12:00 pm — Worship

7:00 pm — Worship

#### Easter Sunday, April 8

8:00 am — Early Worship

10:00 am — Late Worship

11:30 am — Communion Following

#### **CEMETERY CLEAN UP NOTICE**

With Easter quickly nearing, please take time to remove older decorations and grave blankets (i.e., those from Christmas). The trustees will finish cleaning up the cemetery Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks in advance for your help. -- *Mike Folk* 

#### ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Thank you to everyone who provided flowers for the altar

and chancel lighting. With these donations we were able to dry clean the curtains behind the altar and replace the foam in the kneeling pillows at the communion rail. We have cleaned pastor's stoles and all communion cloths. The donations for chancel lighting have provided wax for the altar candles and the eternal candle. We also want to thank Johlin Century Winery for the communion wine they have donated for many years. Thank you.

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#### APRIL ELDER SCHEDULE

7:45 am Linda Yenrick Darold Henninger

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Bill Nelson Kevin Ruedy

# Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm

Linda Yenrick, Eric Johnson

# **Good Friday**

<u>12:00 pm</u> <u>7:00 pm</u>

Bill Nelson VOLUNTEER

#### Easter (note time change)

8th Eric Johnson Tom Eppard
Jim Swanson Linda Erdmann
Bill Nelson Bill Nelson

15th Jeff Smith Mike Winslow

Jason Blazevich Al Collins

22nd Darold Henninger Linda Yenrick

Kevin Ruedy Bill Nelson

29th Tom Eppard Eric Johnson Linda Erdmann Jim Swanson

#### **BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING**

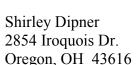
Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendar!

#### **CONFIRMATION NEWS**

Confirmation practice will be during class on April 2nd. No class on April 9th. Eighth grade confirmation is Sunday, April 22 at the 10:15 service. Please meet in the Youth room at 10:00. Pictures will be taken following the service.

#### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

Jessica Church 330 Russell Rd. Crittenden, KY 41030 (Nathan)



Kurt & Erin Eversman PO Box 566 Riverdale, ND 58565 (Emma)

# "PINT-SIZE" HEROES BLOOD DRIVE

Pint Size Heroes Blood Drive is Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lutheran Home at Toledo Community Room from 3:00 to 8:00 pm. Free on-site child care will be provided. To schedule your appointment, call Jamie at 419-691-7222 or visit <a href="www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a> and enter sponsor code: FIRSTSTJOHN Volunteers such as greeting donors, working at the cookie table, or childcare are needed. If you can volunteer, please contact Jamie at the church office.

#### **2012 HOMEPLATE**—

Join us Saturday, April 21st at
Comerica Park as the Tigers
take on the Texas Rangers. The program begins at
9:30 am. Members and coaches of the Detroit Tigers
speak about their faith in Jesus Christ. Afterward, a
baseball clinic runs from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm.
Everyone gets a meal coupon for the concession
areas, too. Then stay for the game that begins at
1:05. Tickets are \$27 per person. Call or email the
church office soon to reserve your tickets.

# ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep	current	informatio	n for o	office	records,	, if your	name,	address	or phor	ne number	changes,	please	notify	us by
faxing (4	119-691-	-7220), ema	iling o	office@	firststjo	hn.com	or mail	ling this t	form to:	2471 Sea	man St./	Toledo,	OH 4	3605.

Name		
Address		
City, State Zip	Phone	

# \*\*\*\*\*\*\* BY DESIGN... by design, a group that allows time for \*\* moms to join together in fellowship, will continue with its next meeting on Tuesday, April 24th at 9:30 am in the lounge (note date change). by design is for moms with children from newborn to age 12 or anyone \*who thinks they could mentor moms of \* young children. Child care and breakfast will be provided. If you would like to attend or help with this group, contact Jamie Blazevich at 419-691-7222 or cedir@firststjohn.com OR Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480 or b.shellhammer@firststjohn.com We hope this endeavor will be rejuvenating, uplifting, fun, and enriching to all involved. Join us! \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# FINAL TALLY FOR SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring drive in February. Our total donation was \$208.74, and we collected over 80 canned goods. A big "shout out" to Kroger who allowed us to borrow a shopping cart to collect the canned goods.

# ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Our annual rummage sale is Thursday, May 3rd and Friday, May 4th. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Haydom Hospital in Tanzania, Africa and local benevolences.

You can start bringing your items to the gym in the educational building on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 25th</u>. Since the Dayschool lunchroom has been moved to the gym, we ask that you please place items on the gym stage, not on the Dayschool lunch tables.

We need many volunteers to help set up, run the sale, clean up, and other duties. If you can help, call Jane Neal at 419-836-1751.

# MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

In April, our Men's Breakfast Fellowship group will meet on Saturday, April 7th at 8:00 a.m. at Bob Evans restaurant on Navarre Ave. If you need a ride, call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409.

#### ANNUAL CARD PARTY

The 21st annual Card Party & Luncheon is Tuesday, April 17th at noon. Tallies are \$8. For reservations call either the church office (419-691-7222) or Jane Schuetz at 419-691-5506. The elevator will be available.

If you can donate a 9x13 dessert to serve at least 12 people, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the clipboard in the lounge. We also need door prizes, either something you make or that you can get a business to donate. Boxes are in the lounge and Narthex for depositing these donations. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun day.

# NEWSLETTER DEADLINE APRIL 19th

#### **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

Our next new members class will be held on Sunday, April 15th at 11:30 am 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. Or, you also can notify us by emailing the church office at office@firststjohn.com See you there!

Yes! I/We will attend the New Members Class on Sunday, April 15th.

Name(s):

Phone:

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## **MEMORIALS**



#### **CHOIR FUND**

In memory of <u>Gladys Neal</u> by Barb & Bert Banks, Pastor & Mrs. Gerald

Labuhn, Hank & Joanne Schumaker, Dave & Di Habegger, Penny DeWitt, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, WELCA, John & Grace Heninger, Olga Zimmerman, Carlene Trost.

#### **ELEVATOR FUND**

In honor of <u>Bill & Ginny Wegman's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding</u> <u>anniversary and Bill's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday</u> by Louise & Jim Sommers, Eileen Young, Ernie & Marge Bollinger, Pastor & Ilean Labuhn, Elaine Gladieux, Florence Partin, Esther Bell, Martha Hecklinger, Paul & Vivian Kuhlman, Florence Clark, Chuck & Jane Neal, Mary Ellen Miller.

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

In honor of **Bill & Ginny Wegman's** 60th wedding anniversary by Jean DeWitt.

# **DEBT FUND**

In memory of <u>Gladys Neal</u> by Louise & Jim Sommers.

#### MEMBER UPDATES

#### Births

None of which we are aware.

#### **Baptisms**

None

#### Marriages

None

#### **Deaths**

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#### Transfers to First St. John

None

#### Transfers from First St. John

Janelle St. John Welling to St. Mark Lutheran on Woodville Rd.

# FAMILY HISTORIES NEEDED FOR FIRST ST. JOHN ARCHIVES

Our cemetery restoration project is continuing after the seasonal hiatus. Graves are being cleared of winter decorations; lovely spring blooms are showing their colorful faces, and soon gravestone restorations will continue. Our cemetery has a rich history of the pioneers who tamed and settled the great Black Swamp. The story of these determined, hard-working people of faith is being written for the First St. John archives. YOU can help us by sending your family's story for inclusion in the history of First St. John. We will accept as little or as much as you are willing to share with us—who are your ancestors, what family did yours intermarry with, where did they live and work, etc.

Please think and share your family's story and send it via email to: Joanne at <a href="jcc5502@sbcglobal.net">jcc5502@sbcglobal.net</a> or Lynette at <a href="jak1955@charter.net">jak1955@charter.net</a> Or, you can mail it to the church office at 2471 Seaman St., Toledo, Ohio 43605 to the attention of Joanne or Lynette. Thank you for your addition to the First St. John Cemetery History!

# LUTHERAN HOMES SOCIETY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Several jobs are open at Lutheran Homes Society's various campuses in northwest Ohio. Here's a summary: Director of Rehabilitation, PRN/Contingent Therapists, Residential Youth Care Direct Staff, STNAs, LPNs, and RN Charge Nurse. More detail on these jobs can be found on the large bulletin board in the Narthex (church entryway), or you can call Toni in the church office. You also may want to check out their website at <a href="https://www.lhsoh.org">www.lhsoh.org</a> for more information.

#### THANK YOU

March 25, 2012. This morning during the church hour I listened to my CD of last Sunday's service. I heard the Dayschool children singing and pastor's sermon. Indeed, God is everywhere! And what a blessing to have those CD's available. It seemed like I was with all of you in person. Thanks for this Homebound Ministry.

#### FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Thank you for all the support for our new mom's ministry, by design. We cannot begin to express how grateful we are to all our volunteers and all who have donated their time, snacks, cups, etc. This ministry has allowed many individuals the opportunity to see our wonderful church and Dayschool, many of whom would never have stepped foot into our church. By design is a way to give mothers a rest from their crazy days and introduce and/or enforce the work of the Lord in their lives. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts. Our next meeting will be one week later than originally scheduled on Tuesday, April 24 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Our theme is "Wonderfully Made."

As we approach Easter, I came across these facts about the colors of Easter. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. The full article can be found at: http://www.indobase.com/holidays/easter/easter-facts/easter-colors.html

# **Significance of Easter Colors**

- RED: This color is associated with the blood that Jesus Christ had shed for mankind. Thus, the color red is a symbol of love and sacrifice for goodness of humanity.
- WHITE: This Easter color signifies purity and grace.
- GREEN: The color green brings ray of hope. Green is the color of grass.
- PURPLE: Easter color purple is indicative of royalty. It is said that the color purple brings wealth.
- YELLOW: The color is related to the brightness of sun. It's a color that brings joy and happiness.
- BLACK: The color indicates the evil side. To put it in other words, we can say black signifies darkness.
- ORANGE: The color represents hope. It is associated with the dawn of day.
- PINK: Easter color pink indicates a fresh beginning.
- ROYAL BLUE: Symbolizes the birth of Jesus. Protestant churches use it to distinguish Advent from Lent.
- BRIGHT BLUE: It symbolizes heaven or sky. It also signifies the beginning of a new creation.
- ROSE: It signifies joy and jubilation.
- SILVER: It symbolizes brightness and purity.
- GOLD: It symbolizes something that is precious and valuable.
- LIGHT GREEN, OLIVE, AQUA: Sometimes used as an alternate color during Ordinary Time.
- RED VIOLET: A symbol for pain and suffering used as an alternate color for the Season of Lent.
- GRAY: The color of ashes, therefore a biblical symbol of mourning and repentance. It can be used on <a href="Msearch">Ash</a> <a href="Wednesday">Wednesday</a>, during Lent, or on special days of fasting and prayer.

Christian Education Update: Family Bowling Night was a huge success. One hundred and twenty six (126) individuals participated in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Bowling Night on Sunday, March 4 at Eastern Lanes. This was the kickoff to Lutheran Schools Week. Food, Fun and Fellowship were enjoyed by all the families who attended.

<b>JAM</b>	Meets at 9:00 a.m.
April 1	Delivering Palms to the Lutheran Home
April 8	Easter Sunday – NO JAM
April 15	NO JAM
April 22	Gifts from God: God Gives Us Friends
April 29	Gifts from God: God Gives Us the Bible

Parents of JAM Students meet just outside the JAM Room for coffee, laughter and conversation every Sunday at 9:00 am. Please join us as your children learn about God's Word. The 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will continue to work on their service project each week. We have been making fleece blankets to donate to several local organizations. This is a great way to use our hands the Lord gave us while we share in conversation about how the good Lord works in our lives. Please feel free to join us as we continue this great service to our community.

#### APRIL MOUSE MUSINGS

# **More Than Colored Glass**

Have you seen the Mouse? From my vantage point I study the arched stained glass window over the Altar. A Mouse Club member has said, "Everyone knows there is an imperfection in that window!" What have you seen as a flaw in our window?

Hundreds of years ago, glass-like particles were discovered in the ashes from large fires. Their qualities inspired early man to perfect a material that improved life in many ways. For instance, a hole in the wall covered with glass allowed light in and kept the rain out! Ancient methods produced small pieces of glass, but easily worked lead became the means of joining small pieces into large panels. Giving an artist glass, color, lead design, and a theme has created an art form for us all to enjoy. Considering all of this, do we have a flawed window?

Ancient artists sometimes put flaws into their works to humble themselves and not appear "God like," for only God created perfection.

There is a discrepancy in our window! What do you think? Become a Mouse Club member by reporting your observations to TONI, Mouse Manager.

#### The MOUSE Announce!

Our cemetery renovations are ongoing. Come, see, and attend the American Legion / First St. John Memorial Day services for the nation's veterans. The Mouse will be there to check attendance.

#### For the Mice

Life on the frontier was not for the weak. Many of our early members were seriously injured or lost their lives in those times. After his retirement in Michigan, our founding father, Johanns Doerfler, was fatally crushed between a building and a horse-drawn wagon loaded with logs.

A Mouse club member has asked, "Who was the man on his way home from church who was mortally injured in a horse and wagon accident?"

Remember, the Mice must remain Anon. A. Mouse. Report to TONI, Mouse Manager.

# COUNCIL MINUTES—March 20, 2012 (continued from page 9)

- 4. Educational Building. The Educational Building is in need of new windows. There was a recent thermal test evaluation run on the present windows, and the property management committee is waiting for the final results. Jim S. made a motion, pending approval from the special funds committee, to authorize expenditure up to \$80,000 for windows from the endowment fund. Larry Paul seconded. Motion passed.
- 5. Main Parking Lot. The blacktop parking lot needs to be repaired and resurfaced. Jim S. made a motion that, on approval from the Special Funds Committee, to spend up to \$55,400 on the parking lot from the Endowment Fund. Mike Folk seconded it. Motion passed.

**TREASURER** - Lisa Anderson gave the report that shows a shortfall for February. There was a sizeable expense of insurance for the next quarter. \$7,000 is our shortfall. Keith asked for a motion to accept. Tom Eppard made the motion and Gary H. seconded and motion carried.

**DAYSCHOOL** - By Design had their meeting today and it went well. Barb is attending her father-in-law's funeral. Enrollment for next year has begun.

**PASTOR -** One transfer from First St. John: Janelle Welling and family to transfer to St. Mark Lutheran on Woodville. A motion on the transfer was made by Tom Eppard, and Dan Hugueley seconded it. Motion passed. A new member class will be held on April 15. Children's sermons on questions they ask God has been well received.

#### **OLD BUSINESS - None**

#### **NEW BUSINESS** - None

The president asked for a motion to adjourn. Tom E. made the motion and Al Collins seconded it. Motion passed. Pastor led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Habegger

# DAYSCHOOL NEWS

"I am the living one who died. Look, I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave." — Revelation 1:18

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! What a joyous time of year. Even though young children cannot fully grasp the impact of the Resurrection, they can participate in the joy we all feel knowing God loves us and sent His only Son to save us. Through books, flannel stories, and plastic eggs (containing pieces of the resurrection story), the good news of Easter will be shared! The Easter story **shouts** the Gospel; that is what we hope our children take from First St. John. Our prayer is they will hold Him close to their hearts and tell others about Him!

Spring is a hopeful time. No matter how harsh and cold the winter, new life always miraculously emerges. Throughout April, we will celebrate spring! There are many amazing signs of new life and rebirth to look forward to. The flowers, trees, birds, bugs, sunshine, rain-- are all such a wonderful part of this season. We will continue to work on the central truth that God made the world and everything in it. He still takes care of it all, including us!

The Dayschool earns a donation every time you search the Internet and shop online!!! Search the web with Yahoo-powered **GoodSearch.com** and they'll donate a penny to our school each time you search! Shop at more than 600 **GoodShop.com** merchants including Amazon, Best Buy, Toys R Us, and others, and a percentage of each purchase goes to our school!

If you have ribbon, rick-rack, material, doilies, old buttons, sequins, beads, etc., you can take them to the Dayschool office and I will find a good use for them. The children are good at creating masterpieces from scraps! Special thanks to those who already think of us often.

Continue spreading the word about our school and the registration that has begun. Some classes are already full with waiting lists. If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to come, see, and experience the quality program we have. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. It is truly a blessing to all involved.

In Him, Barb Shellhammer

# REBECCA CIRCLE MEETING CHANGES

For April, we will meet on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am

in the lounge because of Easter weekend.

In May, we also will move our date to Saturday, May 12th at 11:30 am because of a May 5th wedding. Please mark your calendars!

# **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!

Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson 44425 Scobee California, MD 20619

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

1st LT Michael R. Pavley 11 W. 11th St. Apt. 32 Columbus, GA 31901

Matthew Phillips 4924 Soaring Springs Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89131

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

# First St. John Prayer Chain

(as of March 28, 2012)

## 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 Prayer List" after 1 month unless one of the prayer chain contacts is notified of special circumstances:

Greg Contat
Duke Dawkins
Family of Ethan William Freck
Family of Mary Garverick
Dave Grueshaber
Rick "Slim" Henning
Pastor Gerald Labuhn
Willie Moritz
Camille Osborn
Leonard Ott
Pastor Mike Pryzbylski
Family of Earl Warnke
Winnie Wohlgamuth

#### **Chronic Prayer List**

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

Jordyn Beckhusen **Kennyla Benson Cassandra Carr** Raylene Draeger **Bernie Erdmann Jerry Gears Bob Glass Judy Gyde Family of Eleanor Habegger Lania Harris Herman Jeskey Sandy Kearney** Family of Dr. Richard Koop **Laurie Madrazo** George "Skip" McCullough Joe Metzger **Ava Morin Monica Moszkowicz Ivan Mvers Charlie Ohllson Bishop Sanchez Family of Jeff Schneider Family of Steve Singlar Gary Taylor Bonnie Walker** 

Bob Webb Candy Webster Terry Williams Raetta 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**

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

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars! Vacation
Bible School will be Sunday, June 24 – Thursday,
June 28 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm each night. This year's
theme is "Sky – Where everything is possible with
God!" (Mark 10:27) VBS is for ages 3 through fifth
grade and is a great ministry tool to help children
become closer to Jesus. Please pray and ask God
what HE might want YOU to help with. We need
many volunteers for this wonderful five-day event!

Look for registration information soon. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Jamie Blazevich at 419-691-7222 or <a href="mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com">cedir@firststjohn.com</a>

It won't be long before we will start making our backdrops and other decorations for VBS. If you can help with painting, drawing, etc., we would love to have your talents. More details to come, so check your next newsletter and bulletins. See you there!



#### FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

For April, we are concentrating on cereal, pudding, Jello, cake mix, peanut butter and jelly/jam (in plastic

bottles). Please place your donations (no glass jars) in the Feed Your Neighbor bins in the Narthex under the main bulletin board or in the bin in the lounge underneath the side tables. Thank you.

# FIRST ST. JOHN COUNCIL MINUTES - MARCH 20, 2012

President Keith Mullen called the meeting to order. Pastor gave the devotions. Roll call was taken. The minutes of the last meeting were read and Keith asked for a motion to approve them. Gary Henningsen made the motion, Dennis Pavley seconded, and the motion passed.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION / YOUTH - JAM is** working on the May end of year service. Planning goals for the 2012-2013 year. JAM will hold a volunteer luncheon to recruit volunteers to help with activities throughout the year. Jamie talked about the by design group. That group had over 10 volunteers helping with the children while the moms participated in the program. She talked about doing the same kind of session on Sunday morning with the parent group. In February over 200 valentines were made and distributed to the Lutheran Home. Over 126 people went bowling in March. She spoke about the graffiti wall in the hall for everyone to write on and express thoughts about God and Jesus. Annual Blood Drive is April 3 from 3p-8p and volunteers are needed. Jamie is now posting on the websites. Many attended church last Sunday when the Dayschool students sang.

**ELDERS** - It is the middle of Lent and services are covered, including holy week and Easter. Easter services will be at 8 am and 10 am. Times will be published in the newsletter.

PROPERTY MGT. - The committee has asked that the older decorations and grave blankets in the cemetery be removed by April 2. There was a thermal audit of the educational building and church on March 8. This measures heat loss in the building. This audit was free of charge and will help mark energy savings after improvements are made. A report will be forthcoming. The hornbeam tree in front of the church has been removed. The blue spruce remains, but it will be removed. Kitchen exhaust fans will have guards around them to protect property and personnel. Heating pipe needs insulation. Mike Folk is getting free insulation, and it will be here within a week. Other smaller building issues have been taken care of.

The property management committee then began a discussion on the heating/air conditioning and other

capital improvement programs for the church and educational building. The main concern is financing these updates to the church.

The finance committee then brought forward some possible opportunities and recommendations for financing. The (5) items listed below are to be submitted to the membership for consideration and approval.

- 1. Air Conditioning Loan. A motion was made by Jim Sommers to recommend to the members that the outstanding loan balance of \$18,800 be paid back to the Special Funds' Air Conditioning Fund. Money to come from Reserve Savings. (FSJ owes the Special Funds this outstanding balance from previous parking lot installation.) Dennis Pavley seconded it. Motion passed.
- 2. Office Copier. A new copier is needed in the office. Jim Sommers made a motion to take money from the Reserve Savings and to spend up to \$12,500 for the purchase of a new copier. Larry Paul seconded it. Discussion followed with the question of paying for maintenance and or leasing equipment. Jim explained that outright purchase was better than leasing, with a cost savings of approximately\$7,000 over 5 years. Maintenance covered under purchase agreement. Motion approved.
- 3. HVAC Engineering Consulting Fee. Prior to proceeding with HVAC, an engineering cost study needs to be in place. This cost study will assist in determining feasibility and operating costs. The fee for this study is \$15,000. Money could be made available from the Special Funds (i.e. air conditioning fund). Chris Hunsaker made a motion to take to the congregation that, once approved by Special Funds Committee, we would pay \$15000 to the HVAC engineers for a case study on air conditioning. Dennis Pavley seconded it. A show of hands was asked in the vote. 9 approved 4 opposed The vote will go to the congregation.