



First St. John Journal



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This month we are running a letter from Bishop Marcus Lohrmann. The Northwestern Ohio Synod requested that we include this message in our newsletter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How would you answer the question, “When all is said and done, what do you hope and pray will have been accomplished through your life?” How would you answer the question, “When the day is done, what do you hope and pray God will accomplish through the congregation of which you are a part?” Such questions are clarifying. They push us to ask about what finally is of greatest importance.

Some months ago someone asked me, “Bishop, what do you want for our life together in this synod?” That was a clarifying moment for me. I found myself saying, “When people look at us individually, or when they look at our congregations, or when they look at the agencies and ministries that relate to the Northwestern Ohio Synod, or when they look at us as a synod, I hope and pray that they will see something of what God is doing in Christ Jesus through us, among us, and within us.” That’s it!

According to St. Mark, Jesus begins his ministry with these words: “Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.’” Mark 1:14-15 The gospels then unfold the story of how the kingdom (the reign) of God draws near in the person of Jesus, in his words and deeds, in his suffering, death, resurrection and ascension. In response to that story, God’s desire is that we do an “about face” (that is, after all, the deepest meaning of repentance) and trust ourselves to the One who is the author of that story. When by the power of the Holy Spirit we do that, those around us will see something of the reign of God unfolding. Similarly, when we see that in others, we see something of what God is up to in Christ Jesus.

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we who belong to the congregations, ministries and agencies of this synod will be signs of and participants in God’s in-breaking reign in Christ Jesus.

Our May Synod Assembly adopted that Vision Statement as a way of pointing us to that which has ultimate importance for us individually, and as congregations, ministries and agencies of this synod. The big question is not “Are we liked” or “What do people think of us” or “Will we survive” or “Do we have enough money.” The big questions are: Do people see Christ when they look at us? Are we able to see something of the reign of God in Christ as we look at each other and as our eyes are open to the world around us?

Lutheran Christians believe we see God’s in-breaking reign most clearly when we gather for worship, as we acknowledge the promise given to us in our baptism when we were “marked with the cross of Christ forever, when we confess our sins and hear the promise of forgiveness, as we wrap ourselves in the Word of God in Christ Jesus, when we participate in the prayer of the church, when we receive and give “the peace of Christ,” and when we are nourished with Christ’s body and blood.

Then our eyes are open to other people and places where we see something of God’s in-breaking reign. Several days ago, I visited St. Lucas in Toledo. After a conversation with the pastor, Martin Billmeier, that concluded with prayer, I witnessed a room of men gathered for an AA meeting. In another room, items were being gathered and marked for their “Free Store.” In still another space the kitchen was busy in preparation for a daily meal that serves 65-80. In this community of poverty and the manifold stresses of life, there were ample signs of the *abundance*, *generosity*, and *love* that are characteristic of the life of Christ.

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MEMBER UPDATES

Births

None of which we are aware.

Baptisms

6-3-12 *Maci Lynn Gregory*, born April 4, 2012 to Molly Spencer and Clint Gregory III. Sponsors are Deven Buck and Nathan Sandwisch. Also, *Alexander Douglas Spencer*, born September 3, 2006 to Molly Spencer. Sponsors are Meghan Fussell and Derek Spencer.

6-17-12 *Thomas James Vaculik* (adult)

6-24-12 *Landon Micheal Pawlaczyk*, born August 13, 2011 to Dennis and Sarah (Peppers) Pawlaczyk. Sponsors are Amanda Valasek and Brian Pawlaczyk.

7-1-12 *Della Lynn Lofquist*, born January 20, 2012 to Chris and Breana (McCool) Lofquist. Sponsors are Cory and Cole Lofquist.

7-22-12 *Parker Nicole Riffner*, born April 17, 2012 to Todd and Nicole (Heninger) Riffner. Sponsors are Danielle Gaines and James Corathers.

Marriages

6-30-12 Ashlee Kwiatkowski and William Fisher III

Deaths: None

Transfer To/From First St. John: None

SYNOD LETTER

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A little later in the day, I participated in the dedication of the Labuhn Center at the Lutheran Homes Society campus in Oregon. The center was named after Jerry Labuhn and his wife, Ilene, whose lives have been marked by the ability to see Christ in those most vulnerable. And, in their care, others have seen Christ. Again, I saw something of those who are “signs of and participants in God’s in-breaking reign of in Christ Jesus.”

How would you answer the question, “When all is said and done, what do you hope and pray will be said about your life, that of your congregation, and that of this synod?” My fervent hope and prayer is that our lives, our congregations, and this synod will be signs of and participants in God’s in-breaking reign in Christ Jesus. That finally is a matter of ultimate importance. Really, in the end, nothing else matters.

— *Bishop Marcus C. Lohrmann*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

AUGUST 23rd



MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men’s Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, August 4th at 8:00 am at Bob Evan’s Restaurant on Navarre. If you need a ride, please call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. Hope to see you there.

FOR SALE

The Sunday School Board is selling furniture from the youth room in the basement of the Educational Building to purchase new items for a 7th & 8th grade catechism/multi-purpose room. Items for sale are marked with a card or sign. Money can be turned in to the office or Jamie Blazeovich for items purchased. Sale items include tall café-style tables, stools, two couches, oversized beanbag chairs, two recliners, tall metal cabinet, foosball table, overstuffed chair, and a red chair. The sale goes until Sunday, August 5th. Unsold items will be donated to a local charity.



CATECHISM NEWS

An informational meeting for catechism will be held Mon., August 27th at 6:30 pm in the church. Catechism is for all kids going into 7th or 8th grade this fall. Both parents and kids are encouraged to attend. Regular classes begin Sunday, September 16th at 9:00 am (during the Sunday School hour - note date/time change). See you there!



MEMORIALS

CHOIR FUND

In memory of **Bob Dotson** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Bob Dotson** by Carl & Janet Morrison.

LUTHERAN HOME SOCIETY

In honor of **The Labuhn Center** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

DEBT FUND

In memory of **Rev. Harold Rust** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Ruth Schaefer** by Jim Harrell.

ELDERS FOR AUGUST

We continue with summer worship services at 9:00 am for the month of August.

- 5th Tom Eppard, Linda Erdmann
- 12th Jeff Smith, Jason Blazeovich
- 19th Mike Winslow, Al Collins
- 26th Darold Henninger, Kevin Ruedy

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

Dave & Diane Habegger
8370 Brownsboro Pl.
Cincinnati, OH 45255

THANK YOU

To Pastor Blohm and the Many Members of First St. John,

You have inspired me with your various ways of support during my recent surgery and convalescing. Surely your prayers, visits, greeting cards, phone calls, and gifts have been beneficial to my healing and returning to normal daily activities. Just as you have all been kind and thoughtful to me, may you each be blessed with whatever is your nearest and dearest need. Sincerely,

-- Winnie Wohlgamuth

WEBSITE INFORMATION

If you have information to be posted to First St. John's website, please contact Jamie Blazeovich at cedir@firststjohn.com

LIBRARY NEWS



Tired of the heat? How about taking time out to read the **SNOW ANGEL**, by Glenn Beck? This is a story about family and forgiveness, and it will take your mind off the temperature.

— Marilyn Cashen

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), emailing (office@firststjohn.com) or mailing the changes to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Phone _____

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION 2012 MEMORY WALK

This year's walk to benefit the Alzheimer's Association will be Sunday, October 7th at the Lucas County Rec Center on Key St. in Maumee. Registration begins at 12:30 pm, and the walk starts at 2:30 pm. Anyone can join our church team—families, teens, singles, couples. Or, ask your friends, relatives, and co-workers to join us. As your favorite businesses to make a “special” donation to our team and we'll make sure they are recognized. Or, you can make a donation in honor or in memory of someone special.

If you have any questions, call Janine Contat at 419-837-0013 or email her: j9swancont@hotmail.com. To make an online donation, go to <http://act.alz.org/Toledo2012> and key in our team name: 1st St. John Lutheran Church. If you'd like to volunteer to help organize fundraising activities before the walk, please let Janine know. Thank you so much for helping with this effort.

DAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION

Classes for the 2012/2013 school year are filling up, so register soon! If your child will be 3, 4, or 5 years old by Sept. 30th and you'd like to enroll him or her, call Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480. If you'd like to check out the school first, call Barb to schedule a tour. Tell your friends and neighbors!

CUSTODIAN'S EMAIL

Our custodian, Gene Hagedorn, now has a church email address. If you need to get in touch with him prior to any church event, you can contact him at mrgene@firststjohn.com



FEEED YOUR NEIGHBOR!

Please continue bringing your canned goods and non-perishable food items. Please place your donations in the bins in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) and the lounge (near the double doors). Please do not bring in anything in a glass container. Thank you very much for your support of this ministry.

CIRCLE NEWS



Miriam Circle will meet Wednesday, August 1st at 11:30 am at NeeNerz Restaurant in Genoa.

Rebecca Circle will meet on Saturday, August 4th at noon at the Bay Shore Supper Club.

Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, August 7th at 11:00 am at the Oregon Inn. They will resume their regular meeting schedule on Tuesday, September 4th at 11:00 am in the lounge.

FIRST ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP BEGINS AGAIN!!

All kids ages 7th through 12th grade and their parents are invited to a potluck picnic on Sunday, August 19th at 4:30 pm here at church. Come for some good food, games, and getting to know other kids and our new youth group leader Mike Winslow. We also will have the opportunity to discuss our upcoming year— what we'd like to accomplish and future youth group events.

If you plan to attend or have any questions regarding the youth group, please RSVP to either Mike Winslow (419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507) or the church office (419-691-7222 or office@firststjohn.com) by Friday, August 17th. If you cannot attend the potluck but are interested in future youth events, please let us know. You can also tear out the slip below and mail or fax it (419-691-7220) to the church office.

We hope you're looking forward to getting our youth together again as much as we are, and we hope to see you on August 19th.

*Yes! We plan to attend the Youth Group Potluck
on Sunday, August 19th at 4:30 pm*

Names: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number attending: _____

MOUSE NEWS—FROM THE CREEK

Your Mouse continues to enjoy the cool of the creek side where the church activities may be observed from a different perspective.

Have you ever viewed the Home and church campus from Ravine Park? Did you know that a drive around the trail on the north side of the ravine can be accessed from Wheeling Street? The entrance is marked by an informational sign and picnic table. The entrance to a native plant garden is located on the South side of the ravine at the Home parking lot. The walk ends at our cemetery.

The ravine is home to many plants and animals. If you visit the cemetery early in the morning you may see 2 newborn deer, geese and other wildlife.

The cemetery roads are welcome paths for both Lutheran Home and neighborhood walkers. The school children exercise there, and the Home's rehab patients have been observed racing wheelchairs! In the early years of our country, many of our cemeteries started out as public parks. Some even charged admission.

A good number of families bring flowers and water plants on Saturday evenings. Someone suggested we host a Saturday Night Tail Gate party. That may not be all bad!

We have been told, "Where two or three are gathered together, I am there." Everyone should experience moving to a place where you have no family or friends. Your church and church family quickly become a very important part of your life.

— *Your Mouse at the Creek*

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED "THE SUMMER CHALLENGE?"

There's still time to complete "The Summer Challenge." In the June/July newsletter, Jamie Blazeovich, Christian Education Director, challenged us to complete five of the activities listed. Anyone who does will be entered into a drawing for a Bob Evan gift card. A list of the activities and challenge details is at www.firststjohn.com under Christian Education. You might even find a great picture of Jamie participating in one of the activities!

TECHNOLOGY DONATIONS NEEDED



Chelsea Bell is going to Belize in December with the Defiance College McMaster School for Advancing Humanity with a team of 10 other students and two fellows. Her project involves bringing laptops and continuing a water safety/CPR project. They are going to the village of San Carlos, which doesn't have any form of technology. Chelsea will be collecting laptops, educational software, etc., and then will teach villagers (both students and teachers) how to use them.

In San Carlos, education only goes to the 8th grade; if students want to go to high school they must travel to a city three hours away and come home on the weekends. When they get home, they have nowhere to do their homework. Computers are a key tool for education and a skill needed to get a job. San Carlos' only source of power is solar, and it is the only village not to have a computer in that area of Belize. A desktop computer would be too much for only having solar power, but there is enough power for a laptop. Chelsea's project will bring in laptops, and she will teach the basics of how to use them. She also will show teachers how to use a laptop as an education tool, to make Word documents, and to log on and use the Internet safely. Defiance College (DC) also wants to explore technology that would allow communication between DC students and students in San Carlos. Chelsea's project will explore much needed opportunities of tutoring, mentoring, and the fundamentals of computer skills needed in many jobs.

If you can help donate any gently used items to this project, please bring them to the church office or give them to Chelsea directly over the next several months. Here are the items needed:

- Laptop
- Laptop parts
- Computer mouse
- Mouse pad
- Educational CD (Jumpstart, Phonics, etc)
- Headphones

Thank you for your help.

First St. John Lutheran Prayer Chain (as of 7-25-12)

Crisis Prayer Chain List: *Those who need prayers for upcoming surgery, emergency medical care (ICU), etc. Individuals moved to Chronic after 1st month unless a prayer chain contact is notified of special circumstances:*

**Carol Abbey
Christopher Thiel**

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

**Anonymous
Jordyn Beckhusen
Bob Boehm
Karen Burris
Family of Bob Dotson
Carl Ellis
Bernie Erdmann
Phyllis Frey
Frank Fulkerson
Family of Jerry Gears
Bob Glass
Dave Grueshaber
Karin Gustafson
Tammy Heard
Grace Heninger
Family of Rick "Slim" Henning
Herman Jeskey
George "Skip" McCullough
Shirley Miller
Ava Morin
Family of Ivan Myers
Charlie Ohlson
Family of Leonard Ott
Joan Rowe
Bishop Sanchez
Connie Singlar
Tim Smith
Louise Sommers
Bonnie Varga
Josh Vasko
Family of Rich Ward
Bob Webb
Candy Webster
Bill Wegman**

**Terry Williams
Winnie Wohlgamuth**

Please let any of the prayer chain contacts know if any of the 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

CHOIR PICNIC/POOL PARTY



All choir members are invited to John and Karen Rowley's home on Thursday, August 16th at 4:00 pm for a picnic/pool party. Rain (or hail!) date is August 17th. Bring your swimsuits! John and Karen will supply the "main course" and beverages. Bring your favorite dessert, salad, or side dish to share. Please RSVP by email or phone (419-698-3492) to John.

NOTE ABOUT MARCH OF DIMES' "BIKERS FOR BABIES" EVENT

Jordan Cummerow, four year-old daughter of Brian and Jodi Cummerow, has been selected to be the ambassador for the March of Dimes Bikers for Babies event scheduled for Sunday, September 16th. Jordan was 6 weeks premature and spent 96 days in the NICU, so Brian and Jodi are very excited to help out such a worthy cause. If you would like to ride or donate for Brian and Jodi's team page, or to just ask a question, please go on-line to:

www.bikersforbabies.org/toledo/jordansjamboree



ALTAR GUILD MEETING

We will meet on Monday, August 6th at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendar!

WELCA BOARD MEETING

The board for the Women of the ELCA will meet on
6 Monday, August 20th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

Christian Education: From Jamie's Desk

It's been a very busy summer! Over 101 children attended our Vacation Bible School. The children learned that No Matter What – TRUST GOD. We couldn't have had a successful VBS without all the wonderful volunteers. I am so blessed with all of you who gave your time and your donations. Thank you, God, for all my volunteers. As in years past, we collected socks for Hannah's Socks. This year we collected over 200 pairs of socks to be donated to this non-profit. Great job, everybody!

The following is an email I received from one of the parents of a kindergartener who attended last year. What an impact we all had on these children!

Hi Jamie-

I just had to share that kids really enjoyed Bible school, I'm glad we decided to come. It was much better than any VBS that I attended with them at my church. Yesterday my sister watched my kids and she said my 2 year old daughter was teaching my 2 year old nephew the Bible verses and yelling at him for not doing the proper hand motions. Right now my kids are playing Bible school. I had to print them out coloring sheets and they are pretending that it's day one. I can hear them upstairs talking about Pat the Bat and reciting the day 1 verse. I also have to admit that I have caught myself singing the songs several times this week.

I just wanted to pass on how much we all enjoyed it and thank you for your hard work!

Rachel

As a reminder, there's still time to complete "The Summer Challenge." In the June/July newsletter, I put the challenge out there that anybody who completes five of the activities would be entered into a drawing for a Bob Evan gift certificate. A complete list of the activities as well as the "Summer Challenge" details can be found on our website at www.firststjohn.com under Christian Education. You might even be able to find a great picture of me participating in one of the activities. ☺

On Sunday, September 9th at 10:15 a.m. we will

have our Dayschool Welcome Service. We have invited all our Dayschool families and their children to this special service. We will also install and bless our Dayschool and Jesus And Me (J.A.M.) Sunday School teachers as they begin this wonderful adventure with the children.

As we start to think about Fall and the beginning of school, we look forward to the start of our JAM and our other Sunday School sessions. We are looking for volunteers to help us lead our JAM program. If you are interested, please contact me either through the church office or through email at: cedir@firststjohn.com

Save the Date – September 9, 2012 9:00 a.m.

Rally Day – First Day of JAM Session

Plan to attend this awesome event that will be filled with a special presentation and snacks.

MILITARY ADDRESSES

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 to these service people, 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 COUNCIL MINUTES

June 19, 2012

Meeting was opened by President Keith Mullen. Pastor Blohm gave the devotion. Roll was called and there was a quorum so minutes from April were voted on to be accepted. Mike Winslow made a motion and Tom Eppard seconded it. Motion passed. Lori Pfeiffer motioned to accept the treasurers report from April, Gary Henningsen seconded it and the motion passed. The May meeting minutes were read and Gary Henningsen motioned to accept them, and Chris Hunsaker seconded it. Motion passed.

Bd. Of Ed./Christian Ed. Lori Pfeiffer reported the picnic was a success with many members of the congregation and kindergarten families from the Dayschool attending. Founders hall was dedicated and went well. Trustees were asked to hang the plaque in Founders Hall. Mike Folk will look into it. VBS is starting this Sunday. 60 kids are registered. They are looking for donations for snacks. There are family activities for June and July set up by Jamie with a chance to win a gift card. The SS board reviewed Jamie's work from last year and it went well. Catechism will be on Sundays beginning in the fall, and they are looking at a curriculum for the classes. 7th grade will study the Old and New Testament and the 8th grade will be taught the small catechism. SS board will write up a syllabus for the students to let them know what is expected of them.

Elders Bill Nelson reported the Elders supported the Dayschool at the kindergarten graduation. The outdoor service went well. The Labuhn Center is very nice looking. Elders were involved in Oregon Fest and Curtice Kids day parades.

Property Mgmt. Mike Folk reported on the window replacements. The contract has been signed. Ramp in front of the parsonage will be removed as it is dry rotted and a hazard. The hand rail has been repaired on the steps in the church.

Finance/Treasurer No report for finance. Jim gave the treasurer's report. Debt retirement has declined because of the loans. We still owe \$80,000 to endowment fund and are making monthly payments. Copy machine is installed. We end in a positive balance of \$994 so far for the year, a good sign. Mike Winslow motioned to accept the treasurer's

report and Al Collins seconded. The motion passed.

Dayschool Report Pastor shared a letter from someone who was appreciative of the graduation ceremony. They mentioned the Christian education their grandson obtained here, a positive testimony to the school and its importance in young families' lives.

Pastor Report Pastor will start a sermon series on worship that will go for about a month. Pastor commended people from council who went to the Dayschool picnic. The Synod is going to be reconfigured, which means a reduction in Synod staff over the next 4-5 months. LeeAnn Winslow, Marie Ivan, Ben Cluckey, and Ben Keller were accepted into the church through confirmation. Tom Vaculik was accepted as a new member of the congregation. Lori Pfeiffer motioned to accept the confirmands and the new members. Mike Winslow seconded and motion passed.

Old Business Jim Sommers brought up old business to answer Bill's question about \$6000 less in the improvement fund that went toward roof repair. Darold Henniger wanted to bring up Dayschool payment to church for utilities. It is of the opinion that there should be a shared expense. Finance group will meet to put some monetary value to the Dayschool for these expenses. It may be a difficult task to assign a value to their use of utilities.

New Business-Jim Sommers mentioned the need for a confidential place for computer for finance purposes. The space will be needed by the end of the year. Chris Hunsaker reported on looking at using postcards to send out to advertise the church. The council wanted to vote on sending them out different times during the year. Mike Winslow mad a motion to accept the postage paid by Chris and Lori seconded it. The motion passed.

Keith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori Pfeiffer motioned and Tom Eppard seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

FIRST ST. JOHN COUNCIL MINUTES

July 17, 2012

President Keith Mullen called the meeting to order. Bill Nelson did the devotion for the meeting. The roll was taken. The minutes were looked at from the last meeting. Larry Paul made a motion to accept. Chris Hunsaker asked to change the wording of the minutes from "postage" to "postcards." Dave Warnke seconded and the motion passed.

Board of Ed./Dayschool - Diane Habegger talked about the Dayschool and the meeting their board had earlier. They added a new member to their board, Melissa Collins. They talked about the upcoming school year activities and enrollment for the coming year.

There was a very successful VBS with 101 kids attending. All volunteers did a great job. Jamie Blazeovich talked about restructuring the catechism program. It will be on Sunday morning. There will be 2 weeks of base curriculum and then a service project within the church, meeting with the different groups of the church. Jamie will send the list of the different groups within the church. There will be acolytes and crossbearers for the upcoming church year.

Jamie will look at the website for possible updates. In the June/July newsletter here was a list of things for families to accomplish. See Jamie for a gift card if your activity was chosen. There will be letters going out to 7th and 8th graders for the change of schedule of catechism. Rally day will be Sept 9. The August Dayschool Welcome Back service will be moved to Rally Day, September 9th.

Elders - Bill Nelson had no report for the elders.

Property Mgmt. - Mike Folk reported a fire inspection on Tuesday the 24th. The Church Mutual group will also inspect the church, the school, and the bus. Findings will be forthcoming. Ramp to the parsonage is being dismantled. Darold Henninger had a request for prorating expenses for the school that will be tabled for a bit. Window replacement in the Ed. Bldg. will start August 1st. The windows will take a few weeks depending on the difficulty of removing the old ones.

Finance/Treasurer - Lisa Anderson reported in the last 6 months we are down \$4,000 in current report. The expense summary for June includes water and 2 months of lawn maintenance. Paid off special funds loan in June..the balances don't reflect the payoff, a little over \$18000, and doesn't have the copier added to it. We have a different copier unit resulting in a \$5,500 savings.

Duane Hubaker gave a short report on the giving side. Attendance does not reflect the amount of money given. It definitely has been down. It takes about \$5,500 a week to care of expenses. He added that VANCO can automatically take out your offering when you are not in attendance. Duane asked if one service was a factor. Most felt the weather has played a big factor in attendance. Time could be a factor as well. Motion was made by Gary Henningsen and seconded by Mike to accept the treasurer's report.

Pastor Report - He is on vacation.

Old Business - Mike Winslow talked about his golf outing. He is looking for 25 teams, and he currently has 21.

New Business - Larry Paul and Bill Caldwell attended a worker's compensation meeting. Larry found it to be very informative and feels there are some things that need to be looked at here at First St. John. He feels there needs to be a way to handle accidents and how it affects rates. More information from that meeting will be forthcoming.

Keith mentioned it is Diane's last night here. Keith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Henningsen made a motion and Dave Warnke seconded it. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Habegger

P.S. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with people at First St. John. Dave and I will miss our church family, and we will be back to visit!