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**T**he month of May brings us trees that begin to come alive with leaves and warm weather so we can get out of the house and sit, walk and run outdoors. Most of April fooled us and gave us a reprise of early March! But the month of May will soothe our minds and bodies with the warmth and beauty of spring. This month I would ask, for those who are so inclined, to pray each day for each member of our catechism class of 2013. Their names are:

Adam James Gaskins

Hanna Magdalene Gerrard

Drew Evan Juhasz

Austin Jay (A.J.) Keck

Brittany Ann Lipper

Ciera Beth Lipper

Alexis (Lexie) Marie Reese

Amelia (Ame) Michelle Schwiefert

Ashlyn Brooke Takacs

Chase William Tilton

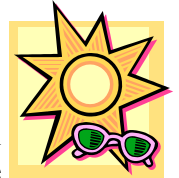
Alexandra (Alex) Marie Vartorella

Also a word of gratitude and thanks to the parents of these young men and women. When their children were baptized, they took the promises they made to heart, and it shows.

Congratulations, and we'll be praying for each and every one of you.

— *Pastor Blohm*

## **SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES**



Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, June 2nd and runs through Sunday, September 1st. We will have only one service at 9:00 am and no Sunday School for the summer.

We will alternate between traditional and celebration formats, with communion on the first Sunday of the month (only one Sunday a month for communion). June 2nd will start with the traditional format, June 9th with the celebration format, and so on. See you this summer!



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday, June 24th at 6:00 pm (note date change from previous years) through Thursday, June 27th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm each evening. This year's theme is "Kingdom Rock — Where Kids Stand Strong for God." Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. At Kingdom Rock, God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale— it changes kids forever.

VBS is for ages 3 through fifth grade. Look for registration information soon. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Jamie Blazeovich at 419-691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com) Please pray and ask God what HE might want YOU to help with. We need many volunteers for this wonderful event!

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!

## **MEMBER UPDATES**

### **Births**

3-29-13 *Ella Catherine Popovich,*  
born to Chuck and Erin  
(Kwiatkowski) Popovich.

### **Baptisms**

None.

### **Marriages**

None.

### **Deaths**

4-8-13 Nyla Gerrard

### **Transfers to / from St. John**

None

## **ELDERS FOR MAY**



	<u><b>7:45 am</b></u>	<u><b>10:15 am</b></u>
5th	Jeff Smith Jason Blazeovich	Dick Haar Jeff Ladd
12th	Darold Henninger Kevin Ruedy	Linda Yenrick Bill Nelson
19th	Tom Eppard Al Collins	Eric Johnson Laurie Witt
26th	Dick Haar Jeff Ladd	Jeff Smith Jason Blazeovich



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
**MAY 23rd**

## **BOARD OF MINISTRIES MEETING**

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendar!

Board of Ministries is for the leaders of the various ministries around the church: Altar Guild, WELCA, Council, Sunday School, Dayschool, Choir, Children's Choir, and Bell Choir.



### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for people to volunteer their time to take care of children in the nursery during the 10:15 service. We are hoping to get enough volunteers to rotate helpers throughout the month. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Pawlaczyk at 419-250-2551.

## **ADDRESS CHANGE**

Ron & Kathy Facer  
416 Bellhaven Dr.  
Oregon, OH 43616



## **KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS**

If you use this program, you need to re-enroll to continue earning rewards for First St. John church or school. Please go on-line to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) and click on SIGN IN and follow the directions. To enroll in this program, go on-line to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and click on "Columbus, OH" and then click on "Enroll." Thanks for participating.

## **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 or emailing us at: [office@firststjohn.com](mailto:office@firststjohn.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## MEMORIALS



### ENDOWMENT FUND

In memory of **Doris Fox** by Ada Kreger.

In memory of **Frank Gerrard** by Ada Kreger.

### AIR CONDITIONING

In memory of **Elaine Ackerman** by the George & Elaine Ackerman Charitable Fund, Deborah Lofquist.

In memory of **Frank & Nyla Gerrard** by Duane & Mary K. Hubaker.

### CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Edith Schuffenecker** by Carl & Janet Morrison, Darlene Eggert, Norman Schumaker.

In memory of **Nyla Gerrard** by Carl & Janet Morrison.

In memory of **Elaine Ackerman** by Darlene Eggert.

### MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of **Frank Gerrard** by Barbara Brackman, Telecom Pioneers Chapter#2.

In memory of **Nyla Gerrard** by Robert & Edith Eucker, Eugene & Janet Schacht, Larry & Darlene Paul, Michael & Nancy Campbell, Cynthia Vild, Carolyn Friess, Vivian Welch, Gerald & Barbara Weber, Denna Gerrard, Robert & Charlene Dane, Strahl Family, Michael & Abigail Gerber, Thelma Fuller, Julie & Mike Kettinger, Barbara Brackman.

In memory of **Eleanor Symington** by William Heck.

In memory of **Virginia Hoffman** by Patricia Mensing, Carlene Trost.

In memory of **Frank & Nyla Gerrard** by Darrell Clark, Jr.

### CURRENT FUND

In memory of **Nyla Gerrard** by the Gerrard Family.

### ACKERMAN DAYSCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of **Elaine Ackerman** by Morrin Farms, Inc.

### ALTAR GUILD

In memory of **Nyla Gerrard** by Bob & Sherrie Haar.

## DAYSCHOOL NEWS

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Another special thanks to the Dayschool Board of Education: Laura DeWitt, Melissa Collins, Bill Hamilton, and Bill Caldwell for your plan to acknowledge the teachers and staff with a fabulous noon-time meal during national Teacher Appreciation Week. We are so blessed to have you!

ALMOST HERE...Attention all Prayer Buddies. SAVE THE DATE—Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. A service recognizing our kindergarten children and their successful completion of the school year will take place that day. Following the service, the children will be introduced to their prayer buddy during a picnic where they can eat together and take part in some fun outdoor activities. Look for a special invitation detailing this process to come to you soon. I am sure you are as excited to meet these children as they are you! Thank you so much for going above and beyond my expectations. You are truly remarkable!

*Strong Foundations* has been the focus of By Design. As our relationships strengthen with this group of young women we are able to see more clearly His hand in it all! Join us in the prayer that He watch over and guide us as we continue to do His will.

Please continue to spread the word about our school and the registration that continues. Morning 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 to offer. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. It is truly a blessing to all involved.

In Him,  
Barb Shellhammer

**FIRST ST. JOHN  
DAYSCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

Children who will be 2 ½ years old by August 1, 2013 are eligible to attend for our 2013/2014 school year. NOTE: The eligibility date has changed; this is to make us comparable to Oregon City Schools.

Our Dayschool is made up of preschool for 3 and 4 year olds and all-day, every day kindergarten. Call Barb Shellhammer at 419-691-6480 to enroll or if you have questions.



**REMINDER ABOUT THE  
BELL CHOIR TABLES**

The coverings on the bell tables and the tables themselves need to be kept free from damage as they are expensive to clean and repair. Please refrain from placing anything on the bell tables. Also, if you need to move the tables, please pick them up rather than dragging them across the floor. Dragging causes damage to the tables and the finish on the floor. Thanks for your help in keeping our church property in good condition.

**“DINNER WITH FRIENDS”**

Our next dinner will be Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm. Come and have a light dinner in the company of your friends from First St. John. Our FREE dinners continue in 2013 in September and November. This month’s menu includes pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, and strawberry shortcake. If you would like to attend, please fill out the slip below and return it to the church office so we know how many to plan for. Join us!

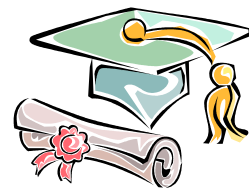
*-- The Hannah Circle*

*Yes, I will attend Dinner With Friends  
on Wednesday, May 22nd*

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

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

**GRADUATE  
RECOGNITION  
SUNDAY  
June 23, 2013**



We will publicly acknowledge all our graduates from high school and college at our worship services on Sunday, June 23rd. 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 17th.

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

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

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

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

FUTURE PLANS (SCHOOL, WORK, ETC.)

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



## PARADE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

First St. John is walking in the parade at the Oregon Fest this year on Sunday, May 19<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. If you can help at this event, please contact Jamie at 419-691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)

### MIRIAM CIRCLE DATE CHANGE

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 8th at 9:30 a.m. We changed the date due to the rummage sale. Hope to see you there.

### ALL DAUGHTER BANQUET

The All-Daughter Banquet is Wednesday, May 15th at 6:00 pm in the gym (elevator available). "Change of Seasons" from Perrysburg will provide us with a Style Show.

Tickets are \$9.00 for adults 13 and older, \$4.00 for children ages 6 – 12, and free for children age 5 and under. To RSVP, please fill out the form below and turn it in to the church office or the offering plate with payment.

NOTE: No formal tickets will be given out—this form serves as your ticket. Once we receive the form, we will assign you a table. If you prefer to be seated next to someone who is not in your party, please write their name on the back of the form. We'll have lots of fun, so we hope to see you!

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#### *All-Daughter Banquet RSVP / Order Form*

Yes, we will attend the All-Daughter Banquet on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults (\$9 for 13 and up)

\_\_\_\_\_ Children (\$4 for ages 6-12)

\_\_\_\_\_ Free (Children 5 and under)

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

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

### MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Bob Evans restaurant on Navarre Ave. Come and join us for some great food, conversation, and fellowship. If you need a ride call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. See you there.



### DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This four-man scrambles will be Saturday, July 27th at 8:00 AM at the Chippewa Golf Club. Cost is \$65 per person, which includes green fees, cart, and food (menu yet to be determined). Prizes will be awarded for first place, longest drive and closest to the pin. Reservation and fees are due by Monday, July 22nd.

*\*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.



### ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

**Thursday, May 2, 10 am-4:00 pm**  
**Friday, May 3, 10 am-1:00 pm**

All circles and everyone from the congregation are asked to help. Please call Wanda Rice at 419-691-8328 to volunteer.

If you have items to donate, you can place them on the gym stage. Rummage Sale set-up will be Monday, April 29th and Tuesday, April 30th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm each day. Set-up and last time to bring items is Wednesday, May 1st from 9:00 am to 4:00 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.

See you at the sale!



**First St. John Prayer Chain**  
(as of April 23, 2013)

**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:

**Betty Anderson**  
**Anthony, John, & Charles (no last names)**  
**Lily Georgeson**  
**Dave Grueshaber**

**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:

**Family of Elaine Ackerman**  
**George Ackerman**  
**Karen Bless**  
**Carol Brundage**  
**Karen Burris**  
**Baby Camille**  
**Shelley Cotton**  
**Dawn, Beth & Tim (no last names)**  
**Family of Raylene Draeger**  
**Family of Winnie Draper**  
**Chris Ensign**  
**Lynn Folk**  
**Brent Hamby**  
**Bob & Debbie Hecklinger**  
**Grace Heninger**  
**Margie Heninger**  
**Herman Jeskey**  
**Sophie LeDuc**  
**George "Skip" McCullough**  
**Jeanette Miller**  
**Christopher Molnar**  
**John Nikoncyk**  
**Charlie Ohlson**  
**Bruce Seibert**  
**John Spoerl**  
**Family of Bruce Traver**  
**Janet Uhler**  
**Family of David Wagner**  
**Lee Wagner**  
**Candy Webster**  
**Terry Williams**

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

**3rd ANNUAL  
MEMORIAL DAY  
CELEBRATION  
& CEMETERY TOUR**



**Monday, May 27, 2013**

The Christ Dunberger Post #537 American Legion Honor Guard will conduct a ceremony near the flag pole behind the church immediately upon the Legion Post's arrival sometime between 8:30 and 9:30 am. Our "salute" to the departed service members, as well as those interred in our cemetery during the past year, will follow with the reading of names and the tolling of our original church bell.

Come early or stay late and take the self-guided walking tour. Committee members will be available for questions; special markers will identify our founding fathers and pastors as well as many special interest stories.

We will unveil plans for a **Memorial and Engraved Paver Project** that will be placed at the north end of the cemetery. This project will offer you an opportunity to honor anyone affiliated with First St. John, even someone still living or perhaps buried elsewhere. The First St. John Cemetery Veterans photo and record book also will be on display.

THANK YOU to all those who attend and to the "Friends of First St. John Cemetery" for making this celebration possible.

## FROM JAMIE'S DESK

As we wind down our JAM sessions for this year, I have to say that I have really enjoyed watching the children grow in their faith in the Lord. We have such a WONDERFUL group of teachers that really take pride in what they do. Thank you to all the awesome individuals who help out on a weekly basis. We also have to recognize the parents of our JAM students who week after week brought their children to JAM to learn about our Savior. In honor of our parents, we will have a "Pastries for Parents" celebration on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> during the JAM hour. This celebration will be held in the gym, and we invite all our JAM parents to attend this breakfast with their JAM student. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Jamie at 419-691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)

We are very excited for our Sunday, May 19 Kindergarten Recognition Service. This is always a special event for our Dayschool and JAM kindergarten students. After this service, we invite the whole congregation to celebrate our kindergarteners at a special picnic held in their honor. At this picnic, we will also have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prayer Buddy introductions. This will be a great time to interact with our Dayschool students and parents, enjoy fellowship, food and great fun! If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Jamie at 419-691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)

### JAM Meets at 9:00 a.m.

**May 5: VBS Preview** - Introduction of this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS)

**May 12: Pastries for Parents** - This celebration will be held in the gym. We invite all our JAM parents to attend this breakfast with their JAM student. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Jamie at 419-691-7222 or [cedir@firststjohn.com](mailto:cedir@firststjohn.com)

JAM Singers will sing on May 12<sup>th</sup> as well.

Last Day of Classes on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**May 19: Dayschool and JAM Kindergarten Recognition** at the 10:15 service, cookout after service.

**Oregon Fest – Sunday, May 19.** We will walk in the parade, so we will need volunteers to walk and pass out candy.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars!!! Vacation Bible School this summer will be Monday, June 24 – Thursday, June 27, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. each night.



This year's VBS theme is: Kingdom Rock - Where kids stand strong for God. Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. At Kingdom Rock - VBS - God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale—it changes kids forever.

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 four-day event!

Check out the Donation Board in the Narthex. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Save the Date: VBS will begin on June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jamie Blazeovich at 419-691-7222. Hope to see you there!

We will start to craft our backdrops and other decorations needed for the church during this week. If you are interested in helping with painting, drawing, etc., we would love to have your talents. More details to come!

## **FROM THE MOUSE HOUSE**

### **The Other Cross**

Among many Easter symbols, the Cross is most prominent since it symbolizes the culmination of Jesus' work on earth. The prominence and expression of the cross change as the Lenten Season moves forward. The Altar Guild faithfully and without fanfare fulfills the rituals.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Our gold altar cross is exchanged for the "other cross" of thick dark wood. The other side is hollow and lighted so that the cross appears to be a shadow. The maker is uncertain, but it came to us in the late 1940's.

On the right side of the Nave, a second "other cross" also appears. This man-size rugged cross stands in a miniature Joseph's garden and is draped with a purple cloth. Marge Myers recently submitted a 1970's photograph of her father, William (Bill) Beichter (1898-1977), and this cross which he constructed at the request of Pastor Buenting.



We can be and see the other side of this cross. From here our thoughts and prayers may be best expressed in the words of the Statler Brother's song, "The Other Side of the Cross:"

There were tears in the eyes of Jesus  
There were nails in the palms of His hands  
There were thorns in his brow and only God could  
know how  
Much pain he could withstand

There was blood all around the hillside  
As a mother mourned her loss  
And we all stood to gain from the heavenly pain

On the other side of the cross

On the other side of the cross  
The side that no one could see  
Hung the Spirit of things yet to come  
Hung the future of you and me

And what He gave that day on the cross  
Not one bit of love has been lost  
Hold my hand, stand up and say if you were there on  
that day

On the other side of the cross...

The Mouse and Ministerial Friends

## **NEWS FROM THE MADRAZO FAMILY**

Lucas Madrazo and his band, Inland Traveler, will be performing at the Maumee Valley Country Day School, 1715 S. Reynolds Rd, Toledo, OH on Saturday, May 11th at 7pm. Lucas is Laurie Madrazo's son. To hear the band's music, you can go on-line to [www.inlandtraveler.bandcamp.com](http://www.inlandtraveler.bandcamp.com). Suggested donation for the performance is \$10 at the door—the majority of the proceeds will go to the Toledo non-profit, FOCUS (Family Outreach Community United Services) [www.focustoledo.org](http://www.focustoledo.org) Hope to see you there.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

New books donated are as follows:



**PRONOUNCING BIBLE NAMES**  
by W. Murray Saverance

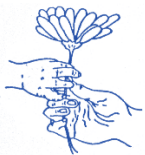
**DOING LIFE DIFFERENTLY** by Luci Swindoll

**WOMEN OF THE BIBLE** by Sue & Laurence  
Richards

**TRANSITIONS** by William Bridges

**THE BOY WHO CAME BACK FROM  
HEAVEN** by Kevin & Alex Malarkey





## DAYSCHOOL NEWS

"Celebrate GOD. Sing together—everyone! All you honest hearts, raise the roof!" Psalm 32:11

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe our year of learning together is ending. This has been a good year for all of us. How we have grown! As teachers in ELCA schools, we have the privilege of teaching from the heart and from our faith. We create the atmosphere in our classrooms and throughout the educational building. It is our responsibility to see that our students know to celebrate God. We are so grateful for the opportunity to share the Gospel with the children and families with whom we've been entrusted. Thank you for the part you play in this. Your prayerful support, your encouraging words, your donations of materials, and the gifts of your time have been so appreciated. May we keep on growing in our understanding of God's plan for us all as we continue to tell others of the living Christ.

Laurie Madrazo, a member of the Dayschool Board of Education for over twenty years, has recently resigned her position in order to give more time to another cause she fiercely believes in. I am so appreciative of the support she has given to the school and to me over many, many, years. She has been such a marvelous example of what it is to love and trust our heavenly Father. I know she is faithful to His word, and that He will continue to use the gifts she has to benefit others. Thank you, Laurie, for choosing to be a part of the ministry of First St. John Dayschool, for allowing me to know you, for being so honest, and for guiding the path of this school. Thank you for the seeds you have planted. Godspeed.

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## MILITARY SERVICE NOTES



Here are the names and addresses of members, family, and friends of First St. John who serve in the military if you wish to send cards or packages. Please 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

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

*Captain Lindsey Rowland*  
1 Surf Way #113  
Monterey, CA 93940

## "PASTRIES FOR PARENTS"

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## CHURCH PICNIC

On Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> we are celebrating a successful school year for our kindergartners in both the Dayschool and JAM Sunday School. We'll have a picnic after church. If you plan to attend, please fill out the slip below and turn it in to the church office so we can know how much food to buy. If you would be willing to donate food or tableware for this event, please contact Jane Schuetz (419-691-5506). Thanks!

*Yes, we will attend the Church Picnic  
on Sunday, May 19th*

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

## COUNCIL MINUTES - APRIL 16, 2013

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Pastor Blohm opened the meeting with prayer. President Keith Mullen called the meeting to order. Attendance was taken. Minutes from the March meeting were read. Lori Pfeiffer motioned we accept the minutes as read. Luann Spoerl seconded, motion carried.

**Christian Education Report** -Jamie stated 450 postcards went out for Holy Week. Jeff Ladd and Darold Henninger helped address them and Jamie thanked them. Easter Egg hunt had over 1200 eggs and 70 kids. Puppet show from Miss Darlene, Mr. Larry, and Michelle and Ame Schwiefert also was a success. Family bowling was March 24 with 55 attending.

Blood Drive News: spoke to 7th & 8th graders as well as JAM kids about the blood drive which will be April 30 at the Lutheran Home from 3-8pm. Help is still needed as well as donors. The 24 hour famine was canceled due to lack of participation. Oregon Fest parade: We need walkers and candy. VBS is June 24, and a lot of volunteers are needed.

**Sunday School Board** began to meet with the Dayschool Board, no additional report at this time.

**Elders Report** - Jeff Ladd reported. Applicants for the Winslow Scholarship were reviewed, with Collin Folk and Max Schwiefert receiving \$1000 each. We'll be testing confirmands on the day of Confirmation at the altar. One of the weddings has the date and the rehearsal incorrect. They needed to check to see which is correct. The latch on the altar rail door will unlatch if weight put on it during Communion...can this be fixed?

**Property Mgmt.** - Mike Folk reported about the tree stump removal. AC needs to be put in church offices, but the windows have changed so new ideas are needed on how to fit them. See attached notes from Mike on additional progress made.

**Treasurer/Finance Report** – Lisa Anderson encouraged electronic donations and Kroger funds. See attached report. Lori Pfeiffer motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Karen Holmes, seconded. Motion carried.

**Dayschool**- Barb Shellhammer stated it was a great service on Sunday, and bowling went well and was enjoyed by all. By Design remains small; ideas on what a young mom needs from a church were brought forth.

May 19 will be the Kindergarten Recognition service, and prayer buddies will be introduced. Kindergarten graduation is May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, elders are needed. Bill Caldwell-no report at this time.

**Pastor's Report**- Jeff Smith was a big help at the service last Sunday. A family movie night/dinner and showing parts of DVD miniseries "The Bible" for this fall were suggested activities. More discussion needed.

Karen Holmes and Melissa Collins have many ideas about doing small group get-togethers at homes or here, inviting Daychool families for discussion, Bible study, and family events. Share your ideas with them. Pastor uses a program called Wired Word which has a lot of ideas for discussion.

**Old Business** – On Sunday additional elders are needed for Confirmation. Postcards...Darold wants to know if it was a positive step. Most agree it was. Should we send them out for the time change on June 2? Suggested a magnet be sent with the dates for service. Jamie will send these out Memorial Day weekend.

**New Business** - Mike mentioned how many students from the Dayschool had gone on to be in the honors program at Clay. What an incredible beginning we are giving students!

Meeting motioned to be adjourned by Karen Holmes, seconded by Lori Pfeiffer. Motion carried.

Closing was led by Pastor and reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Folk  
Council Secretary