



First St. John Journal



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Here are some brief articles I recently ran across that I thought were of interest to share. Each got me thinking about the ever-changing world and culture in which the Church must continue to tell the ageless Story of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

"Due to a big increase in traffic to the San Juan Islands, a little 'spur' called 'Washington State Highway 20 West' is being transformed. It used to be a simple two-lane road, dotted with feed processing plants, great breakfast diners, and picture-postcard tulip fields. It's now become a full-throttle, four-lane commuter thoroughfare. The diner was bulldozed. The old-growth firs became bonfires. The local antique store, convenience store and bargain motel all disappeared under a new layer of asphalt. But guess what did not disappear? Or rather, guess what was resurrected after the destruction? Ugly telephone poles and wires.

You know the drill. All the ground is chewed up. Huge holes and divots are dug. Trenches are troweled open then closed up. But the final act of construction jettisons the project back into the nineteenth century.

They put back in the telephone poles. What century are we living in? New wires are carefully re-installed but still strung from the old support technology. Big post-holes are dug, creosote soaked poles are sunk, lines are strung up. The technology of the late nineteenth century gets resurrected for a new twenty-first century project.

The location of 'Washington State Highway 20 West' is on the way to one of the most northern places in the US West. Fierce Canadian 'nor'easters' come swooping down the Frasier River Valley and slam into coastal northern Washington. It is one big wind tunnel. During the winter storm season, high winds whip down and routinely knock out a power line here, a transformer there. And these power failures wreck havoc on life for days and sometimes weeks.

Yet when given a 'blank slate,' a chance to truly update and upgrade, to safely tuck all those dangerous and drooping transmission lines underground, what do the local governments and 'power' companies do?

Do they take advantage of all the ongoing excavation and hide those ugly wires from the eyes of humans and the

eye of the storm? No, they return to the scene and dig hundreds more post holes, insert hundreds more poles, and string up thousands and thousands of feet of old technology.

The power lines are now definitely back on Highway 20. Unfortunately, it is 1878 power lines that are back. Highway 20 is re-powered, but it is old-powered. It is out-of-date. But here is the biggest problem. No one notices. No one complains. No one cares. No one even registers how ridiculous it all is to go back rather than forward." (Quoted from Leonard Sweet, Christian Globe Illustration.)

The second article is of special interest as a reminder that even new technology can convey the "old, old story" in a way that captures the attention of modern people.

"God is still great in the eyes of Americans, even on the internet. While an amazing 88 percent of the nation's homes own a Bible, more and more are switching to the internet, cell phones and iPad for their weekly inspiration, according to a sweeping new survey of Bible use.

In their latest survey of Bible use, the American Bible Society finds that 41 percent of Americans used the internet to read the good book on a computer. Some 29 percent said they searched Bible verses on a cell phone and 17 percent said they read an electronic version of the Bible on a Kindle or iPad.

The trend is similar in the news business, with the readers shifting to digital over paper.

'The data shows a continual shift to digital content. The number of Bible readers who use their smart phone or cell phone to search for Bible content has increased each year, with a 6 percent increase in the use of this format from 2012,' said the Society. 'Use of internet to find Bible content has also increased, up 4 percent from 2011,' they added." (Quoted from an article by Paul Bedard from the September 4, 2013, edition of the Washington Examiner.)

So I guess the question to ponder is: Do we move forward or backward? We cannot stand still because, in our world today, standing still is really moving backward.

— Pastor Rayl

MEMORIALS



CEMETERY FUND

In memory of **Margaret Koester** by Bill & Ginny Wegman.

In memory of **Darlene Betz** by Mildred Hancock, Esther Ames, Carl & Janet Morrison.

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

ALTAR GUILD

In memory of **Gary Shaneck** by Terry & Jane Schuetz.

In memory of **Bob Batchman** by Jean DeWitt, Penny DeWitt.

MEMORIAL FUND


In memory of **Darlene Betz** by Jan VanSant, Willie & Julie Moritz.

PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY

In memory of **Darlene Betz** by Bob & Sherri Haar.

CHOIR FUND

In honor of **John Rowley's** service as choir director by Bob & Sherrie Haar.



CATECHISM NEWS

Catechism is for all young people going into 7th or 8th grade this fall. We will have an informational meeting in late August. When we get a definite date and time, we will include this in our Sunday bulletins and contact students via snail and email. Regular catechism classes begin after Labor Day during the Sunday School hour at 9:00 am.

GIFT CARD ORDER DEADLINES

This Dayschool fundraising program allows you to buy gift cards from the school at face value, and the school orders them at a reduced price. The price difference is an instant rebate for our school, from 1 to 16%! Order forms are in the lounge and Narthex or order on-line at www.glscrip.com The cards arrive about one week after the order deadline. ***The next deadline is Thurs., August 7th.*** Future deadlines are Thurs., August 21st and Thurs., September 4th. Gift cards are available for over 300 of the country's biggest brands. Contact Hilary at fsjscrip@gmail.com with any questions.

J.A.M. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking forward to the start of our JAM and other Sunday School sessions, and we need volunteers to help us with our **J**esus **A**nd **M**e (JAM) program, our Sunday School for ages 3 through 6th grade. If interested, contact Jamie Blazeovich at either 419-691-7222 or cedir@firststjohn.com

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

Noel & Marti Heisler
828 Meadowland Trail
Toledo, OH 43615

Connie Koch
3526 Bayberry Place
Oregon, OH 43616
(Noah)

Tom & Pastor Cindy Ritter
2917 Gleneagle Dr.
Findlay, OH 45840



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 _____

MEMBER UPDATES

Births

None of which we are aware.

Baptisms

6-29-14 *Owen Michael Riffner*, born February 18, 2014 to Todd and Nicole (Heninger) Riffner. Sponsors are Jennifer Rauch and Nicholas Rauch.

7-20-14 *Shanti Lee Liesner*, born January 6, 2014 to Michael and Anisha (Joshi) Liesner. Sponsors are Sandhya Joshi and Kris Liesner.

Marriages

6-7-14 Chelsea Skorupa and Eric Mohr

6-21-14 Katie Johnson and Zach Finkbiner

Deaths

6-5-14 Darlene Betz

7-16-14 Norma Manteuffel

Transfer To First St. John:

Bill & Evelyn Giles from Zion Lutheran in Perrysburg, OH.

Transfer From First St. John:

Richard Wegman to St. Mark Lutheran in Bowling Green, OH.

CONFIRMATION PICTURES

FINAL REMINDER: If you haven't yet picked up your child's confirmation pictures from last spring, they are still available for pick-up in the church office.

DAYSCHOOL REGISTRATION

Classes for the 2014/2015 school year are filling up, so register soon! If your child is 3, 4, or 5 years old by August 1st 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!



PERSONAL NEEDS PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

This ministry provides a month's worth of hygiene supplies to people in our neighborhood to help them stay clean and healthy. We receive some funding to help keep our shelves stocked, but donations are always needed.

The items needed include dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, deodorant, adult and children size toothbrushes, toothpaste, adult and children's shampoo, body soap, laundry soap, sanitary pads, tampons, band aids, and body lotion. If you'd like to help, please deposit your donated items in the pull-out drawer to the left of the Feed Your Neighbor bin in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) or in the bright green bin in the lounge.

PLEASE NOTE: No travel size or sample items—the families who come to this pantry need items to last them the month.

Remember, monetary donations are also appreciated. If you'd like to send a donation, write a check to First St. John Lutheran Church and write "Personal Needs Pantry" on the memo line. Thank you so much for your help.

— East Toledo Lutheran Ministry

ELDERS FOR AUGUST

We continue with summer worship services at 9:00 am for the month of August. We'll return to our regular schedule on September 7th.

3rd Tom Eppard, Al Collins

10th Jeff Smith, Jason Blazeovich

17th Dick Haar, Jeff Ladd

24th Darold Henninger, Mike Winslow

31st Linda Yenrick, Bill Nelson



CIRCLE NEWS

Rebecca Circle meets Saturday, August 9th at 11:30 am at the Eagle's Nest.

Ruth Circle meets Tuesday, August 5th at 11:00 am at the Oregon Inn.

Hannah Circle meets Thursday, August 14th at 6:00 pm at Debbie Smith's house for a cookout. Please bring a dish to share.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

All ladies are invited to the Women of the ELCA Fall Kick-Off event on Saturday, September 6th at 10:00 am in the lounge. Pastor Rayl will be our guest speaker, and brunch will be served. What a great time to get together and just enjoy each other's company. Please join us if your schedule permits.

WELCA BOARD MEETING

The board for the Women of the ELCA will meet on Monday, August 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the room next to the lounge. (It's air-conditioned now!)

BORROWING TABLES AND CHAIRS



When you want to borrow tables and chairs for your summer events, please make sure you call the church office to reserve them ahead of time. There are lots of parties this time of year, and demand for tables and chairs is high. We only have six tables available.

Also, please remember the tables and chairs in the gym are not to be removed from the building; instead, the tables and chairs in the parsonage garage are available for borrowing. Thank you.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the Men's Fellowship breakfast on Saturday, August 9th at 8:00 am at Bob Evan's Restaurant on Navarre. We had 20 guys last time, but there's always room for one more! If you need a ride, please call Bob Haar at 419-250-9409. Hope to see you there.

MAKING OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

It is a tragic part of our consumer economy that we are never invited to see ourselves as those who have more than enough. Always there is the message, "You need more. You need to shop. There are bigger houses, newer cars, better computers, more clothes and cosmetics to make you look more attractive and younger; there are different things needed so you need to buy, to get more, to shop."

The world too often succeeds in convincing us there is no "extra" out of which we can become generous givers because we always feel we never have all that we need, and we need what we do have to get the next new thing.

The challenge of the stewardship life is not waiting to have something "extra." Giving away a determined portion from the "first fruits" of what we already have is a testimony of our faith that the God who gave us gifts in the past will continue to bless us with gifts in the future.

MONTHLY MINISTRY FOCUS

The ministry focus for August is the Toledo Gospel Rescue Mission. The mission operates a men's shelter, Rebekah's Haven, Mission Mall, and an Outreach Center, which freely dispenses help and hope to men, women, and children in their most desperate times of need. For more information, go on-line to www.toledogospelrescuemission.org

If you would like to help, special envelopes are in the pews to give you the opportunity to respond with a donation of support. First St. John's Women's group does many mission projects supporting local and world-wide organizations. Each project will have one month of emphasis where information about the ministry will be shared during worship, sometimes by individuals representing the ministry.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

We will meet on Monday, August 4th at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendar!



First St. John Lutheran Prayer Chain (as of 7-22-14)

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:*

**Bernie Erdmann
Family of Norma Manteuffel
Norma Newell**

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:*

**George Ackerman
Fritz Babcock
Jordyn Beckhusen
Karen Burris
CD
Gail Chaffee
Baby Boy Crites
Jackie Curtis
Tina Curtis
David and Cindy (no last name given)
Lily Georgeson
Cooper Goa
Good Shepherd Church of the Deaf
Larry Grant
Jason Grimes
Bob & Debbie Hecklinger
Gary Henningsen
Todd Judd
Scott Keller
Pastor Labuhn
George "Skip" McCullough
Jeanette Miller
Christopher Molnar & Family
Dutch Morrison
Joel Moszkowicz
Jessica Mueller
Charlie Ohlson
Demetra Pender
Roy Riegle
Cindy Roecker
Dianne Schumaker
John Spoerl
Chrissy Tolles**

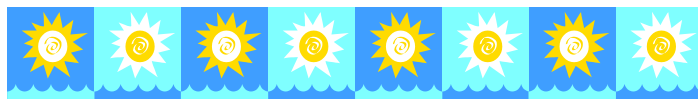
**Pat Vogelsang
Ginny Wegman
Terry Williams
Bill Zeisler**

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



FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR!



Please continue bringing your canned goods and non-perishable food items. 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 anything in a glass container as these may break during handling and transport. Thank you very much for your support of this ministry.



DAVID WINSLOW MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This four-man scrambles will be Saturday, August 2nd 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 28th. If you'd like to register or sponsor a hole, call Mike Winslow at 419-691-8430 or 419-698-6507.

All proceeds go to First St. John.

Christian Education: From Jamie's Desk

It's been a very busy summer! We had over 85 children attend our Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 23 – Thursday, June 26. We couldn't have had a more successful VBS without all the wonderful volunteers. I am so blessed with all who gave their time and donations. Thank you, God, for all my volunteers. As in years past, we collected socks for Hannah's Socks. This year we collected 153 pairs of socks to be donated to this non-profit, three more pairs than last year. Great job, everybody! You can check out pictures from this wonderful week at www.firststjohn.com

I met with Grant Winslow and discussed Campus Crusade for Christ. He is looking for donations to support his role in this ministry. If you are interested in making a monetary donation, please check out <http://www.cru.org>.

By Design met for a playdate on Wednesday, July 16 at Rivercrest Park. We all had a wonderful time incorporating our children into this awesome ministry!!!! We are looking forward to meeting again in August, and then we are excited to start meeting again in the fall.

RALLY DAY

Rally Day will be held in early September. Date TBA, but will be at 9:00 a.m. We are inviting all our First St. John Church and Dayschool families and children to this special event. We will have a special presentation as well as snacks. This will be the kick off to another great year of our Sunday School program – Jesus And Me (J.A.M.). Plan to attend this awesome event in the gym that will be filled with a joy, laughter and fellowship!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 with our JAM program. If you are interested, please contact me either through the church office or through email at cedir@firststjohn.com

THANK YOU!

EMAIL FROM PARENT OF VBS STUDENT

We had 85 children attend Vacation Bible School the last week of June. We want to share with you an email we received from one of the parents.

“I would like to share the blessing that VBS brought to me last night. After VBS, I had my girls and a couple of other girls that attended over playing in the yard. They were singing the theme song (from VBS) the whole time, which shows it stuck with them, and it was also a great change from ‘Let It Go!’ The Lord was in their hearts as they sang it loudly and constantly with great happiness. Thank you all for your time and the blessing it has brought to me and my daughters.”

-- Charlie Schramm

AUGUST COMMUNION

We will commune on August 3rd and August 24th. The next Chapel communion will be next Sunday, August 3rd at 2:00 pm.

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 Marc Le Duc
78382 Dukewood Trail
Yula, FL 32097

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

Lindsey Rowland
No Current Address

FIRST ST. JOHN COUNCIL MINUTES

June 17, 2014

President Keith Mullen opened the Tuesday, June 17 meeting at 7:40 PM, Pastor Rayl led with devotions.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May meeting were read. John Spoerl motioned to approve the minutes, Eric Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Sunday School Report: Jamie Blazeovich attended the 2014 Synod Assembly and Gathering: Growing as Disciples at Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky, Ohio on May 16 – 18. We walked in the Oregon Fest Parade on Sunday, May 18th. Thank you to all who donated candy and walked. We especially would like to thank Monica Novakowski and her daughter Leah, who is in Miss Bonnie's class, for walking with us!! Our goal next year is to have more than 30 people walk with us. This year we had 10. Marketing for volunteers and donations included emails to Catechism, congregation, Facebook, church and Dayschool, teachers, and "Upcoming Events" papers went out to all Dayschool children. VBS – Monday, June 23 – Thursday, June 26. Weird Animals VBS - Where Jesus' Love is One-of-a-Kind. 6:00 pm. – 8:30 p.m. Our registration is a little sparse right now, so if you know of anyone that might want to attend Pre-Kindergarten – 5th grade, please encourage them to register and attend. We always like around 80-90 children to attend this week. Thank you to everyone who has already donated money, gift cards and/or items. We are still looking for donations of cases of water. If you could bring in a case of water with you on Sunday we would appreciate that as well. We will be decorating on Sunday after church. If you can spare 30 minutes to help – we would appreciate it.

Elders Report: One service is going well with the elders arriving one hour before church starts to open the church. August 2nd is the next wedding.

Property Management: Kitchen sink stops will be installed tomorrow. Drainage work/locating a pipe was done on the east side of the school building as well as trimming trees. Gutters were cleared and screens installed. The roof was photographed to document damage to shingles. A lift was donated for our use. Mike wants to thank Dave Wilbarger, Bill Caldwell, Jim Sommers, Gene Hagedorn, Keith Mullen (for the lift) for their help with this project.

Several items to be repaired include more tree trimming, new bathroom signs for the Narthex, repairing a window sill near the playground, and repairing hooks on playground equipment. Old quotes were pulled on the parking lot for over 50k for 20% of the lot. With the fact we are in financial stress, large projects need to be postponed for now. A tree in the large parking lot is being debated as to whether it belongs to FSJ or to the home. It is dead and proposes a threat to cars parked under it. Paint trim on the building is a must and will be addressed over summer.

Treasurer's Report: See attached. Karen Holmes motioned to approve the minutes, Mike Winslow seconded. Motion carried.

Dayschool Report: A financial report was presented which showed the enrollment is steady at 183. Income was 21k and expenses were 38k with a shortfall of 17k. Bill showed the reasons why, with a graph, how money comes in all at once as some parents pay for the full year in the fall and others pay monthly. Due to the many days off because of snow, February was very low with cash flow. The bus was sold for 5k and is held in reserve. Approximately 8k was made in fundraising. The next fundraiser, October 11, is the L.E.A.F (Loving Educational Atmosphere in Faith since 1976.) Sponsorship is provided by First Federal, G. F. Ackerman, and E. S. Wagner. The money raised will go for a new playground, floor repair and other capital improvements.

Pastors Report: A stewardship committee will be formed. This committee will try to find ways to bring more money in as well as new members, and to grow spiritually. Pastor will head this committee, and a cross section of volunteers is needed. We had Darlene Betz's funeral two weeks ago. Two people in the membership class will be having their baptism soon. Another baptism is scheduled this month and one in July. Bill & Evelyn Giles transferred in from Zion Lutheran in Perrysburg. Luann Spoerl motioned we accept the transfer, Tom Eppard seconded. Motion passed. A youth group from South Dakota will be using our church for a layover. Several volunteers will be providing hospitality to this group.

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FIRST ST. JOHN COUNCIL MINUTES

July 15, 2014

President Keith Mullen opened the Tuesday, July 15, 2014 meeting at 7:38 PM, Pastor Rayl led with devotions.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the June meeting were read. Luann Spoerl motioned to approve the minutes, John Spoerl seconded. Motion passed.

Sunday School Report: Jamie Blazeovich reported we had over 85 children attend our Vacation Bible School Monday, June 23 – Thursday, June 26. We couldn't have had a more successful VBS without all the wonderful volunteers. We thank God for the blessing of all who gave their time and their donations. As in years past, we collected socks for Hannah's Socks. This year we collected 153 pairs of socks to be donated to this non-profit, 3 more pairs than last year. Great job everybody! You can check out pictures from this wonderful week at

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Pastor Rayl and Jamie are planning on meeting to talk about several things for this fall. RALLY DAY and Catechism are on our agenda. Look for more details to come! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! As we start to think about Fall and the beginning of school, we look forward to the start of our JAM and other Sunday School sessions. We are looking for volunteers to help us with our JAM program. If you are interested, please contact Jamie either through the church office or through email:

cedir@firststjohn.com

Elders Report: Services are going well...a car was broken into a week ago and a reminder was stated not to leave valuables in your car, nor your car unlocked. Next wedding is August 2nd.

Property Management: Met with Jim Sommers and the fire marshal...a few items need addressed. Extension cords are still a problem, and some batteries failed.

ABCO tested the stove hood in the kitchen. Habitec fixed the alarm system. Both boilers are currently working.

Pastor asked for an outlet in the sanctuary for air circulation during the service.

NES sent their bill to us for the crane used in the tree trimming and the amount was \$0. A thank you will be sent for their generosity. Fred Rice will install drainage piping on the east side of the education building. His estimate was between \$750-\$800. Dan Hugueley spoke with Jerry Nissen about #6 stone for backfill. We may have enough existing to use as backfill.

The drain in the kitchen has been repaired.

A concrete slab in front will be fixed. This broke due to the downspout work with the crane.

Nordmann Roofing was called for a quote on the roof. They have not responded.

A toilet is leaky in the educational building and will be looked into.

Treasurer's Report: See attached. We are at a shortfall of over 29k. Jim thanked Bill for helping with the data charts. Membership is down 41% in the last 10 years. Dave Warnke motioned to approve the minutes, Tom Eppard seconded. Motion carried.

Dayschool Report: It was requested that Rally Day and the installation of teachers NOT be on the same day. We currently have three corporate sponsors for the LEAF event on October 11. Chelsea Bell is making a flyer for it. An endorsement for this event has been requested from the Church Council. A motion was made by Mike Winslow, with a second by Jeff Ladd to give approval for this special stewardship for our Dayschool. Motion approved. Volunteers are needed for helping the week before and that night. The committee will also be asking the teachers for students' art to be auctioned off. There are still openings available.

Pastor's Report: One request for transfer out: Richard Wegman to St. Mark Lutheran in Bowling Green. A motion was made by Dave Warnke to accept this transfer, Jeff Ladd seconded. Motion passed. Several baptisms are coming up, including two adults.



CEMETERY INFORMATION

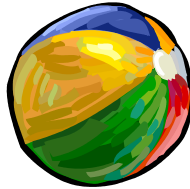
NEW - OLD – NEW

Have you seen the *new* signs located at each cemetery entrance? These signs restate our *old* rules and policies of operation that have been in place for many years. Then the *new* is the same as the *old*? Almost! Our *old* State Cemetery Permit has just been renewed, and the *new* permit requires us to post the rules at the cemetery entrances. Ref. “Ohio Cemetery Minimum Guidelines,” ORC Section 4767.06 (H). Thanks to those who installed the signs.

— *First St. John Cemetery Committee*

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

AUGUST 22nd



JUNE COUNCIL MINUTES

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Pastor’s Report (continued) - A thank you was read from the delegates of FSJ: Luann Spoerl, Karen & Don Holmes and Pam Beavers. There were over 1300 Lutherans present. There will be a youth gathering at Cobo Hall next year, and we are looking to be a part of that.

Progress is being made on the constitution. The Dayschool charter is also being worked on and both will be blended together. We will begin the call process this fall as to what we want in our new pastor.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Keith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom motioned to adjourn, Dave seconded. Motion carried. Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Folk
Council Secretary

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN AUGUST

We will meet on Monday, August 11th (note date change) at 7:00 pm in the lounge and Monday, August 18th at 7:00 pm in the room next to the lounge. (In September, we’ll switch our meeting dates to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.)

JULY COUNCIL MINUTES

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Pastor’s Report: John Rowley will be retiring from his position as Music Director by Dec. 31, 2014. A replacement is needed, and a committee needs to be formed to make a job description and also interview. Homebound communion is going very well and has been appreciated by the homebound’s family members. More people are needed to volunteer with this ministry.

Old Business: Calvary Lutheran of Rapid City, SD changed their arrival date to the 19th for when they asked to stay overnight. Volunteers are needed to stay overnight with them. Luann and John Spoerl donated air conditioners to the church and Dayschool offices. One is not being used and it was requested by Luann to move it to the Business office next to the lounge to be used.

New Business: Bob Haar presented the 1992 church constitution and stated a new/revised constitution needs to be written before we can begin our call for a new pastor. Bob is the facilitator, and the committee consists of Jane Schuetz, Darlene Lorenzen, Sue Ann Rogers, Lee Wagner, Sherri Haar, Keith Mullen, Pastor Rayl, Emily Kruse and Joanne Henningsen. The group hopes to have the constitution finalized by October. More volunteers are always desired, and everyone is welcome to come and listen to the changes as they are made.

Keith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Winslow motioned to adjourn, Dave Warnke seconded. Motion carried. Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynn Folk
Council Secretary