

St. John's Lutheran Church

February 2010

Church Bell



From Pastor Disney

One of the best things that church offers is the opportunity to be a part of something compelling that is making a real difference. Some people feel a sense of frustration that they join a church hoping to feel something that powerful but then it never happens. It is my hope and prayer that you could feel that sense of being a part of this exciting thing God has created called His church.

How would you like to feel the satisfaction of participating in a significant project for the church without having to go to a bunch of meetings? Well, let me invite you to a meeting so that we can talk about it? I hope you can smile at the irony of that. But seriously, too many great ideas in our church are not getting done because they only reach the ears of the few people brave enough to be on one of our boards. I think there are a lot of people in our church who would love to help with one

project and then be able to walk away. If that describes you I hope that you can come to an event that will be more like a game show and less like a meeting. We are calling it "Create the Future" and it will take place on Sunday February 21st at 9:15.

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The idea of this event is to have you hear some ideas and dreams and be able to decide if there is any way that you could help. It might be an idea like creating the most impressive thing the Buffalo Days Pa-

rade has ever seen come down Central Avenue. To pull this off we are going to need creative people to scheme it up, and probably a lot of people with very practical building skills. So on February 21st that idea will get air time and if some people want to jump on board it will go forward, if not the idea will go back in hibernation. That morning we hope to give you the

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Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

Sunday's Service Radio Broadcast on

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Sundays at 8:00 am

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Worship: Pastor Disney

Youth & Family Ministry: Nate Randt

Newsletter Deadline:

Deadline for the February newsletter is Monday, February 15th.

Join the Newsletter Mailing Group on Tuesday, February 23rd at 9:00 am.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at midnight

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chance to hear a lot of different ideas and hopefully something makes you say, “I could do that.”

God has given us the chance to do things together that truly make an eternal difference. In the midst of all the things we do that hollow us out and make us

feel empty, I think you need to feel this sense that you are a part of something that is much bigger than any of us. God will still be working through His church long after all of us are gone. Isn't it time to be a part of something that is bigger and more important than yourself? I hope that you will soon be blessed with a way to do that.



Would you like to control your financial life rather than have it control you? St. John's is hosting a 13-week course that will show you how to manage your finances in a way that will bring you real peace of mind. The current class will start on Thursday February 4th at 7pm. If you missed registration for this class, we will be offering it again in the fall. For more information check out www.DaveRamsey.com.

Lent at St. John's



This year Ash Wednesday begins our Lenten Season on February 17th. Beginning that day and throughout Lent St. John's will offer worship services at 4:30 and 7:00 pm. There will be a supper served between services from 5:15 to 6:30 pm and will be a fundraiser for our Youth. Please see the article in the Youth and Family Ministry Section about helping with the food.

From Pastor Bode

The Five Finger Prayer

Prayer is a wonderful privilege and is intended to be an ongoing activity for the Christian.

When we pray we are communicating with the God who made us and loves us, and therefore it involves many things. Prayer includes not only speaking to God, but listening for what He may wish to be saying to us. When we pray we can praise the Lord, thank Him for His kindness, confess to Him our sin and ask Him for what we or others need.

When it comes to making requests of God, the following method is a good way to remember who needs our prayers. It's called the "Five Finger Prayer." Perhaps you've heard of it or already make use of it.

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you.

They are the easiest to remember. *To pray for our loved ones is a "sweet duty"*

2. The next finger is the pointing finger.

Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. ***Keep them in your prayers.***

3. The next finger is the tallest finger, which reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the national leaders, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. ***They need god's guidance.***

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger.

Surprising to many is fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. ***They need your prayers day and night.***

5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all,

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which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective.

You'll be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Some people set aside time each day for prayer; some pray as they go throughout the day. Both kinds of prayer are vital. I pray that we at St. John's will continue to grow in our communications with God, and that we will truly be a people of prayer.

The Alpha Course

A 10-Week Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith



An anyone can come. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith is welcome.

Learning and laughter. Join others in a relaxed atmosphere.

Pasta (or other great food). Each weekly session begins with dinner.

Helping one another. Dinner is followed by large-group presentation and small-group discussion.

Ask anything. Here's your chance to ask your question and express your opinions.

Childcare is available.

Opening session is Thursday, February 4th

Upon the stroke of 6:00 pm we begin.

Register or ask questions by calling Pastor Bode at 682-1883

St. John's Fellowship Hall is where we'll be

Enjoy yourself!

Understanding the Arab-Israeli Conflict —The Challenge of Peace



**Sunday,
February 7th
at 9:10 am
at St. John's**

The Jewish Community Relations Council brings us this multimedia presentation that outlines the key facts of history, geography and culture that underlie the current state of affairs between Israelis and Arabs. A peaceful, balanced and informed dialogue can improve everyone's understanding of this conflict.

"While the love of American Jews for the state of Israel is evident in these presentations, it is accompanied by a genuine sense of compassion for the Palestinian people and the urgent desire for a just resolution of the tragic conflict between these two peoples. I strongly recommend these presentations as informative and helpful resources for Christians who also want and pray for peace in the Middle East."

—Dr. Wayne C. Stumme,
Retired Lutheran pastor
and seminary professor

Job Opening



Zoe will be reducing her hours to 25 per week allowing us to add an additional part-time person for 15 hours. If this is something that would be of interest to you please send your resume to the church before February 8th. Note this organizational change will not affect the hours that the church office is staffed and will not place any additional burden on the budget.

Photo Directory Update



We plan to issue an updated Photo Directory for everyone this spring. If we do not have your household photo or if you would like to update the photo published in April 2009, please send your photo to Zoe (preferably by email) no later than February 10th. Or you can stop by during office hours and we can take your picture here. Email your photo to info@stjohnsbuffalo.org. If you have questions, call Zoe at 763-682-1883.

St. John's Lutheran Wish List

Automatic External Defibrillators
for Sanctuary and Life Center
(2 @ \$1000.00 each)

Cost	Rec'd	Balance
\$2000.00	\$500.00	\$1500.00

Offering Envelopes

Don't forget to stop by the table in the narthex to pick up your 2010 offering envelopes. If there are not envelopes made up for you and you wish to have some, please contact the church office at 763-682-1883.

What's a "Missional Church?"

A missional church is one where people think, plan, and act in line with the Great Commission (*Matthew 28:18-20*). In other words, a missional church intentionally structures itself and works to make disciples who make more groups of disciples, who make still more disciples and groups of disciples. This is a definition which reflects the focus and activity of the disciples in the earliest days of the Christian Church as described in the book of Acts.

While the word "missional" is a fairly recent word, it describes what God has intended His church to be from the very beginning, namely Christian people who intentionally seek those who are not saved, working to plant Gospel seeds by word and deed, so that the Holy Spirit will bring people to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Five key areas of missional focus for a local congregation are:

Worship is vibrant and Christ-centered (*1 Chronicles 16:29*)

Discipleship is strong, calling members to grow in and through the Word of God (*Psalms 119:105*)

Service connects the community to Christ (*Matthew 5:16*)

Outreach is focused on those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Savior (*Acts 1:8*)

Leadership multiplies servants to multiply ministry (*1 Peter 4:10*)

(Reprinted from "Mission Vision News," Minnesota South District)

We're All Heart



Kindness abounds at PEP (People Enjoying People). PEP meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in room 110 across from Noah's Ark Pre-

school. We begin with a brief Bible study led by Pastor Klemz followed by a variety of activities which may include some joke telling, cards and games. In January we meet on the 6th and 19th from 9:00 am to 11:30. Bring your own beverage; come whenever you can; stay as long as you want. There is no regular commitment. The more the merrier.

Calling all 3, 4, and 5-year-olds

Noah's Ark Preschool is starting spring registration for the 2010-2011 school year. We will be having an open house in our classroom on Tuesday, February 16th. The time for 3-year-olds will be at 6:30 and for 4 and 5-year-olds will be at 7:30 pm. Please come visit with Nicky and Sara and see what our class room is like. For more information, you can call us @ 763-675-1368. Hope to see you there.



Library News...

Join us in February 2nd at 7:00 pm to discuss Chris Husom's book Murder In Winnebago County. Chris will join us for our book club discussion. Copies of the book are available in the library.



Murder in Winnebago County focuses on two women. Alvie Eisner is a woman left bitter when her son died in prison. Corrine "Corky" Aleckson is a young sergeant with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. Their lives intersect when Eisner starts seeking revenge against those she holds responsible for her son's death. Sergeant Aleckson investigates the cases, enlisting the help of Detective Smoke Dawes. What she doesn't realize is that Eisner is keeping a close watch on her. Will justice prevail?

Serving in February

Ushers

8:00	Bill Cook Earl Dierks Brad Hoseck
10:30	Jon Boonstra John Kock Robin Kohn Greg Graham

Nursery Volunteers

Feb 7

9:00	Rebecca Mills
10:15	Raina Strenge

Feb 14

9:00	Tara Hanson
10:15	Tara Hanson

Feb 21

9:00	Angela Bode
10:15	Angela Bode

Feb 28

9:00	Andrea Klatt
10:15	Andrea Klatt

Coffee Heroes

2/7	Jill VanLith & Julie Bruhn
2/14	Youth
2/21	Scott & Kim Spadgenske
2/28	Youth

Radio Sponsors Needed for February

Reserve Your
2010 dates now!

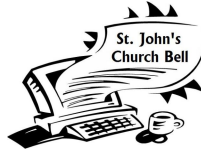


Each Sunday at 8:00 am, KRWC 1360AM broadcasts our Worship Service throughout Wright County. We need broadcast sponsors to help cover the cost of this valuable service for our shut in members and also as an important outreach into the community. Sponsoring one of our broadcasts is also an opportunity to honor anniversaries and birthdays or make memorials. The Pastors will announce your name and dedication on air when they welcome the radio listeners. The cost to sponsor one broadcast and its promotional announcements is \$150.00. To reserve your date, call the church office at 763-682-1883. Checks can be left in the offering plate or church office with "KRWC" in the memo line.



Family Emergencies - Be Prepared with LCEF

Family emergency funds are not as common as they used to be and yet for most families carrying large amounts of debt, the need is greater. LCEF's Family Emergency Account is an opportunity to set aside funds for the unexpected and unplanned expense, while earning competitive rates of interest. For current rates, go to on www.lcef.org or call 1-800 THE LCEF (1-800-843-5233) for more information.



E-News

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email rather than snail mail, send an email to info@stjohnsbuffalo.org. You'll get the news faster plus save the church some money in postage and printing. We'll send the newsletter as a PDF document which downloads quicker and opens automatically in Adobe Reader. Most computers already have Adobe Reader, but if you do not, call Zoe in the office at 763-682-

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

Show your love for each other with the gift of a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. A Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend runs Friday at 7:00 pm to Sunday at 5:00 pm and includes two nights in a comfortable hotel plus five delicious meals. Four presenting couples, including a Lutheran clergy couple, give a series of presentations followed by questions the couples discuss in the privacy of their hotel room. The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are February 12-14 & March 19-21 in Brooklyn Center; April 16-18 in Duluth or April 30 – May 2 in Alexandria. Please register a month in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575 or visit www.godlovesmarriage.org.



Thrivent Members Join \$3 Million Haiti Effort

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members who want to make a financial contribution to support disaster response efforts in Haiti can have their donations to one of four Lutheran relief agencies multiplied by the fraternal benefit society. To participate, visit www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti and make a contribution to one of the following:

- Lutheran World Relief
- ELCA Disaster Response
- LCMS World Relief/Human Care
- WELS Committee on Relief

Thrivent Financial will add \$1 to every \$2 its members donate, up to a total Thrivent Financial contribution of \$1 million. That means a potential of \$3 million or more to support relief efforts: \$2 million + from its members and \$1 million added by Thrivent Financial.



Have you ever forgotten your Contribution Envelope?



Have you ever found yourself writing out your check at Church, just in time to catch the Collection Plate?



And, what about the cost of those checks from your bank?



We may have the answer to your problem: “Electronic Contribution Submission” (also known as ACH).

You can have your monthly contributions *automatically & systematically* sent from your account to St. John’s each month. No more forgetting envelopes, writing checks, or needing to catch up on contributions while on vacation. Forms for this time-saving opportunity are available from the Church Office or may be downloaded from our website www.stjohnsbuffalo.org.

The insert “Getting to Know Your St. John’s Family” introduces you to some of our newer members. Please add this to your membership directory.

Women In Mission

When you hear Lutheran Women's Missionary League or Lutheran Women in Mission, what do you think of? Women gathering to make quilts for the needy? Women meeting for Bible study and prayer? Women making decisions of how to raise and distribute mission dollars? If you answered yes to any of those questions, you are right. And there is so much more.

Janice Wendorf is the National President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Her vision for the organization, stated in 2008 is this: "Lutheran Women in Mission who are in the Word Lutheran Women who are of the Word Lutheran Women in Mission who walk with the Lord."

She defines her statement (in part). "A woman who is in the Word is reading and studying God's Word on a regular basis; she is nurtured by the Word. She longs to read God's Word daily to find His direction and guidance for her life. In the Word she is assured of God's faithfulness, guidance and forgiveness"

"What does it mean to be a Lutheran Woman in Mission who is of the Word? As a woman spends time in God's Word on a regular basis there is a change in her. God's Word teaches her how to love and forgive; it gives her direction for living confidently and for relating to those around her. A woman, who is "of" the Word, uses the Bible to



*"Do not fear what they fear, do not be frightened. But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord."
1 Peter 3:14, 15*

guide her actions; it becomes a part of her life and affects her life-style. There is a difference in her as a result of the time she spends in God's Word; she is not the same woman; she is of the Word, changed by the mighty power of God working in and through His Word."

"The woman who is in the Word and of the Word is a woman who is empowered by the living Word of God and its application to her daily life. Walking with the Lord, she is assured of His promise never to leave her or forsake her. (Deuteronomy 31:6 and Hebrews 13:5) She knows that Jesus also promised to be with her always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:20) This woman in mission leans on Jesus for each step of her day; she walks with Jesus daily."

The Object of the Lutheran Women in Mission is: Mission Education, Mission Inspiration, Mission Service, and Financial Grants for Mission Needs, so the possibilities are endless. Is there an area you feel called to serve in? Do you have ideas for making our group one that involves women of all ages? What service opportunities appeal to you--helping serve the lunch at funerals, deep cleaning the kitchen cupboards and appliances a couple of times a year, getting together with others to make crafty items for the Country Fair, sewing quilts for the needy, taking a mission trip?

Whatever your area of interest, we need you, a woman who is, or desires to be, in the Word, of the Word and walking with the Lord, to enable the Lutheran Women in Mission to continue to grow. Please join us for a business meeting and/or Bible study and check out www.lwml.org for more information about the organization.

Our Motto: Serve the Lord With Gladness!

Upcoming Events:

February 4th: Board Meeting at 5:30, Bible Study, "What Would Joseph Say? A Study of the Earthly Father of Jesus" at 6:15. The study is in the Winter Issue of *The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*.

June 25-27: 23rd Biennial LWML Minnesota South Convention at the Verizon Center in Mankato.

Youth & Family Ministry

For Families

Join us Sunday
February 14th for a ...

Marriage Milestone



As a church family we want celebrate and recognize marriages in our congregation. Some marriages are just beginning, while others have withstood the test of time, but all are important.

During the Sunday morning services there will be a special blessing asking God to watch over your marriage through this year and the years to come.

Join with our church family as we celebrate this Milestone.

Calling all Cooks!



The Lenten season will soon be upon us, and the Youth and Family Ministry Board are looking for some cooks to make the soup or chili or whatever for our Lenten Suppers. You supply the main part of the meal, we'll supply the fixin's to go with it and the serving/clean up help.

Here are the days we have open:

- Feb 17th, Ash Wednesday
- February 24th
- March 3rd
- March 10th-Chili Cook-off
- March 17th
- March 24th
- April 8th, Maundy Thursday

We also need cookies, bars or any other treat that you might be interested in donating for each supper. If you can help, please contact Eldon Peterson 763-682-6901.

Youth & Family Ministry

For Families

Youth Benefit Bash!



February 13th

5:00pm-7:00pm

\$20.00 per person

Looking for something to do on a Saturday night? Why not help St. John's Youth get closer to their fundraising goal while enjoying a night of food, fellowship and laughter. Everyone is invited: singles, couples, families, friends, young and old.

This year we are bringing live Twin Cities entertainment to our Benefit Bash with **Comedysportz**. Imagine improvisational comedy played as a sport! (If you've ever seen *Whose Line is it Anyway*, you've got the general idea.) Two teams of actors compete for the biggest laughs while a referee calls the fouls and gets suggestions from the audience.

You'll also have a chance to win a variety of great raffle prizes!

The menu is Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Caesar Salad, Breadsticks, and a Chocolate Fountain for dessert.

Child Care is provided by reservation. A free will donation will be accepted to help defray the cost of food for the children.

Make your reservations by calling Kelly Ohland @ 763-684-0460.

Youth & Family Ministry

Wednesday Night Family Supper



Who: Anyone and Everyone!

When: February 3rd

Time: 5:15-6:15 pm

This free will donation meal is sponsored by St. John's Youth. It's offered to help families out on a busy Wednesday night giving people of all ages, activities and appetites an opportunity to gather together for a delicious meal. Let us help make your Wednesday nights easier!

Confirmation parents and students:

February 10th we will be having our parent, mentor, student conferences. Give us a call if you are not sure what time you signed up for. Also remember that during Lent, from February 17th through March 24th we will be having class starting at 6:00pm with all students being required to attend one of our two worship services at either 4:30 or 7:00 pm.



Buffalo Youth Food Drive for Hunger

February 6th

9:00am-12:00pm

St. John's Youth in 7th-12th grade are joining forces with other Buffalo youth groups to collect food for the food shelf. We will be meeting at Buffalo Covenant Church and then heading out together to collect food. If you are in need of a ride or more information, please contact Kelly @ 763-684-0460 and sign up today on the youth bulletin boards!

New!



Youth Handbells!

All Youth in grades 4-12 are invited to be a part of a new Handbell Choir which will practice on Wednesdays from 6:00-6:30 pm prior to Confirmation classes. You only need to have a little music knowledge to be playing like a pro. Look for the sign-up sheets on the Sunday School and Cyber Bulletin Boards. The deadline to sign-up is March 24th. Practices will start shortly thereafter.

Youth & Family Ministry

For Youth

30

HOUR
FAMINE

Attention
8th-12th graders!
February 26th

Come and join fellow youth at St. Johns for a High school Fun Night with a twist! You try to go without food for 30 Hours! Plus you're encouraged to challenge friends and family to sponsor you for every hour you go without food, . All the money raised will go to help feed hungry children through World Vision! Students will be breaking the fast on Friday at midnight.

This event includes...

- Live Music
- Games
- Open GYM
- Service projects and devotion focused around how children each day go without food!

Want to know more? Have questions?

There will be a parent information meeting on

February 3rd @ 5:30!

Sign Up Today!



Birthdays

Andrew Hatling	2/1	Kayla Erickson	2/7
Dallas Klatt	2/1	Jennifer Saunders	2/7
Dolores Puffer	2/1	Duane Bodin	2/8
Gerald Root	2/1	Alexander Charlson	2/8
Bryan Sandau	2/1	MacKenzie Forcier	2/8
Danielle Stevens	2/1	Gary Hafften	2/8
Bethany Ernhart	2/2	Leslie Gearey	2/9
Anthony Hicks	2/2	Nikolas Gentz	2/9
Amy Johnson	2/2	Zackery Groshens	2/9
Nathan Klatt	2/2	Brian Kenmir	2/9
Rachel Schmidt	2/2	Patricia Levin	2/9
Ryan Ebeling	2/3	Myron Marquette	2/9
Benjamin Henson	2/3	Maya Bolduan	2/10
Jayde Hoppe	2/3	Eric Ebeling	2/10
John Kock	2/3	Curt Johanson	2/10
Tyler Korbel	2/3	Nancy Yonak	2/10
Emily Mueller	2/3	Shayla Hamann	2/11
Lori Pierce	2/3	Hanna Klatt	2/11
Pam Smith	2/3	Stacy Bursch	2/12
Shannon Valley	2/3	Beverly Clifton	2/12
Cassandra Zaffke	2/3	Abbey Davidson	2/12
Chad Dillerud	2/4	Harlen Frykholm	2/12
Austin Imholte	2/4	Diana Korpela	2/12
Amy Klemz	2/4	Austin Schleif	2/12
Sullivan Marx	2/4	Donna Bodin	2/13
Vera Ottenstroer	2/4	Debra Krohn	2/13
Kris Brockopp	2/5	Mary Jo Lambert	2/13
Megan Churness	2/5	Hilton Schwalbe	2/13
Gary DeMarais	2/5	John Chapman	2/14
Lake Groenke	2/5	Debbie Thomas	2/14
Brandi Korbel	2/5	Brian Anderson	2/15
Marie Marquette	2/5	Lillian Carstensen	2/15
Nick Spadgenske	2/5	Edwin Dilley	2/15
Jordayn Spike-Jeske	2/5	Emmett Elletson	2/15
Chad Stoppelman	2/5	Braxten Mader	2/15
Danielle Weller	2/5	Julia Peter	2/15
Lori Johanson	2/6	Marti Ryan	2/15
Alex Lundquist	2/6	Devon Smith	2/15
KaCee McKenzie	2/6	Alyxis Strzyzewski	2/15
Tim Berteau	2/7	Chloe Beaudry	2/16
Ruth Bonk	2/7	John Berg	2/16
Timothy Endreson	2/7	Sarah Hoppe	2/16

Nolan Jasper	2/16	Matthew Larson	2/22
Tiffany Pulvermacher	2/16	Marilyn Sotebeer	2/22
Bruce Schulze	2/16	Anna Baumgard	2/23
Melissa Stachowski	2/16	Miles Johnston	2/23
Bailey Anderson	2/17	Jed Larson	2/23
Mark Bjork	2/18	Tyler Burg	2/24
Ronald Enter	2/18	Craig Groenke	2/24
Rita Holland	2/18	Jackie Ross	2/24
Marin Luchsinger	2/18	Caleb Churness	2/25
Kaylie McManus	2/18	Bill Henson	2/25
Adeline Neutz	2/18	Aaron Naser	2/25
Donald Streich	2/18	Joyce Stecker	2/25
Earl Uecker	2/18	Kari Triplett	2/25
Jackson Miller	2/19	Michael Endreson	2/26
Travis Pierce	2/19	Ryan Saunders	2/26
Dawn Weis	2/19	Cali Annis	2/27
Joanne Brunskill	2/20	Adrian Graves	2/27
Jeff Erickson	2/20	Shirley Holland	2/27
Douglas Froberg	2/20	Patrick Jeske	2/27
Nicholas McAlpine	2/21	Samantha Klatt	2/27
Dennis Peavey	2/21	Blake Miller	2/27
Emily Personius	2/21	Steven S. Miller	2/27
Samatha Ternes	2/21	Breanna Burt	2/28
Saylor VanLith	2/21	Adam Duske	2/28
Loren Becker	2/22	Matthew Jeske	2/28
Gary Bonk	2/22	Shannon Krohn	2/28
Ema Crone	2/22	Marah Moy	2/28
Genelle Gregorich	2/22	Dylan Triplett	2/28
Lanny Hanson	2/22	Kayla Hill	2/29

Anniversaries



Alise & Marvin Zachman	2/1	Orlan & Luella Krohn	2/14
John & Ginger Klatt	2/2	Todd & Kari Peter	2/14
Chuck & Denise Hicks	2/4	Stacy & Terry Bursch	2/16
Don & Lisa Abresch	2/5	Bruce & Sheree Rosine	2/16
Marlis & Lawrence Thomsen	2/5	Pam & Keith Dickson	2/17
Morry & Nila Ellis	2/7	Pam & Mike Mensinger	2/18
Julie & Kevin Fussy	2/8	Gary & Becky Randt	2/21
Brian & Jessica Anderson	2/9	Aaron & Nicole Beckman	2/29
Gene & Debbie Ebert	2/12		

Board Meeting Minutes—1/11/2009

Welcome to Wayne Rebeschke our new Chair Person

Call to Order: Wayne Rebeschke

Opening Prayer: Pastor Disney

Agenda: Reviewed, no changes

Secretary's Report: A corrected spelling of Marilyn Kostick's name, a new member of the Worship board. The report was then approved with a motion from Janice Marschel seconded by Nate.

Pastors Reports:

Pastor Disney would like some direction for the administrative position that has opened up, salary etc. Roger Strege said it was a little early to have put the ad out and that the Elders will have a meeting to gather the information to answer the questions that are arising and will have this put in this weeks bulletin and the Bell. At this point the resumes should be collected with a statement that they will be gotten back to in about a week. A committee has been set up by the Elders to do the interviewing – Dan Husom, Richard Marquette, Pastors and Zoe. Janice Marschel asked if there had been any more discussion on volunteers handling the 15 hours that this position would cover. Roger said they feel a person is needed to get into position to see how things will go. This person will work for the Pastors and they will help to guide this person through. The Elders will make the final decision on this person and it needs to be known the budget will not change. They are looking to have it staffed by March 1st. There was much discussion on this including the name being Office Administrator or Secretary, how the work load would be handled, days, etc. It was again brought up that we do need an Administrator and a Secretary all this is governed by budget.

The date for the Dave Ramsey Financial Piece University will begin Feb. 4th, on Thursday nights. They are hoping it will be a bi-yearly event holding it in the spring and fall. Mark and Denise Saunders will be working with this and they are very excited to share this with people as it was a tremendous help in their lives. It is a good Evangelism tool and our having it slightly ahead of everyone else will bring people from out of our church. The course will last 13 weeks. It will be a cost of \$400 for our church to get it started. Each couple or individual will pay \$99 so it will be a commitment. Bill Cook mentioned it might be a good idea to advertise this on the radio. Information will be coming out soon.

Pastor Bode mentioned that Esther Klemz had passed away. The funeral will be Thursday

the 14th at 11:00. Chris Husom mentioned that Karen Jans would like to serve on the funeral committee. Feb 4th will be a busy day as Alpha will start that day. He passed out a sheet of items that he will work on for 2010. Taste of Alpha dinner will be Jan 21st. He is looking forward to getting this program started again and for us to remember to come and bring anyone we feel might enjoy this course.

Pastor Klemz will have a report at the Voters Meeting.

Youth and Family Ministry: Kelly asked for help in getting the flags in the Life Center down. January will have a couple of fund raisers on the 31st for the National Youth Gathering. On the 22nd the kids will get to see the movie "To Save a Life" which she incorporates on Wed. nights as the bible study. The 30 Hour Famine will be held in Feb. The kick off for this will be the kids going to Feed My Starving Children and they will wrap it up with the Food Drive. They will also be going to Feed My Starving Children in March and the LWML women will join them. The Sweethearts Dinner will be different this year. It will be a fund raiser dinner with an auction and possibly a band or improv group performing. It will be open to every one not just couples.

Education: VBS is being discussed and they are working on getting the information out early. Priscilla will not be heading it this year. They found for the Christmas program the teachers all collaborated and found it to be very successful, they would like to try this for the VBS. They are also looking at sharing materials with other churches.

Financial Secretary / Treasurers Report:

No report at this time from the Financial Secretary. Jim Chapa asked that we ad the Certification of Employer's Declaration of Hours which we passed in Dec. the wording goes as "RESOLVED, That this organization has changed the definition of a full-time worker, for the purpose of establishing the eligibility for the Concordia Health Plan coverage, to more that 25 (Insert 20 25, 30) hours per week, to be effective the first of the month following receipt of this declaration by Concordia Plan Services. It is also acknowledged that all workers affected by this action have been so notified of the change in Concordia Health Plan eligibility". This applies to all workers. Also a motion was made to use the wordage from the Housing Allowance Resolution passed in November and ad that = Pastor Disney receives \$25,000 and Pastor Bode received \$40,000. Kelly has opted not to use the housing allowance. Motion was approved in Nov. and amended at this time. He also stated that Jackie is covered under the benefit program with her 30 hours. She declined medical but will be

covered with retirement disability and accident, effective Nov. 2nd. Our numbers were down in Dec. 2009 compared to 2008 but for the year as a whole we just about broke even. Jim gave explanations for some of items in the written overview. Cheryl Olsen made a motion to accept the amendments and changes to the previous reports and to accept this report. Bill Cook seconded the motion, motion carried. A thank you was given to Jim for getting the report out a week early for the Voters Meeting.

General Fund Totals -	Contributions
\$37,043	
Total Expense	(38,625)
Net Increase	(1,582)

Old Business: The 2009 Audit = Elders have created an Audit committee Dan Green, Dave Haggerty, Glen Ross, Roger Strege, working with Jim Chapa. An audit put together by Glen Ross will be used and the committee will start after the second service on Sunday the 17th.

Elders: Roger Strege gave more information on how the audit will be handled and that it could last a few weeks. It is a more formal corporate procedure that is being followed. There are the three Elders that are going out and candidates are being talked to. So by the end of January the new ones should be in place. There was also discussion on envelopes and that there were some missing which was being looked into and that we should also make sure our previously confirmed kids receive envelopes. Roger also asked about where are we at with defibulator's and discussion followed as to what we should do about them. Janice Marschel will talk with Sandy Baert.

Trustees: No report at this time.

Worship: Marilyn Kostick is now picking out the hymns for the Sunday morning worship services. There are now two bands for the Sat. night services with a possible third one of youth only. The time change for Sat. has not been decided but we will probably see a change come summer, possibly to 6:30. Pastor Disney would like to either purchase or have someone build an Alter for Sat. night services. Bill Cook recommended that Jory be contacted. It could also be a possible Wish List item.

Evangelism: Roger Strege said we will again participate in the Chamber Community Showcase on Feb. 6th at the Buffalo Middle School. We will have our booth and an on going slideshow. Jory is making a podium for the occasion and future use. Items will be passed out. We are also placing an advertisement in the High School year book. It will be a quarter page ad designed by our youth. The Kids Club will be having an ad coming out in the Drummer in hopes of increasing the attendance once more. Carla Myhre-Vogt is working on the Meet the Members. Pictures and sentences describing the members are being used and then the pages created can just be placed in the Directory you have.

Stewardship: Karen Rebischke reported on the

Joyful Giving campaign getting a return of only 14% of pledges returned. The committee is looking at a possible Independent company doing a survey to see how we are doing and where we can improve. It would help us figure out how to unify our congregation, get our boards to work together, what would be our goals for the year. There is a cost involved and they have looked at a form that has 20 questions. The hope is to get the best input they can. The discussion continues on this item. On going Stewardship education is being worked on.

Fellowship: Bill Cook mentioned that Janice Marschel will have numbers put together for the Voters meeting. Feb 7th we will have a speaker on understanding the Israeli conflict. Her name is Renee Topkins and she will talk on what is going on there. It will be between services. The board will do the Palm Sunday dinner on March 28th. There are tickets for the Dead Sea Scrolls on April 11th. April 18th is the first Twin's game, the tickets will be \$20.00.

There will also be another game on Lutheran night in August. May 16th will be the Good News Big Band Concert. It will be a more casual gathering and Bill has asked if the youth could help. July 25th will be the church picnic. Bill has mentioned that more people need to sign up for the coffee serving.

Lutheran Women in Mission: Written report.

Library: Continue to do their work. No meeting in January. The book for the Book Club discussion in Feb is Chris Husom's *Murder in Winnebago County* in which she will attend.

Health Cabinet/Project Compassion: Continue to do their work.

Missions: Information on the Project for Food Shelf will be coming out in March.

Noah's Ark: No report at this time.

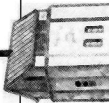
Other/New Business: Discussion was held on having a Board Planning Retreat for a day. Comments were on when to have it and who to include, should it be open to the congregation to participate if they would like. There was discussion on the Memorial Endowment Term Note that is coming due and what would be the best way to renew or change this. It was mentioned that Janice will explain the Fixed Rate Financing at the Voters meeting. The Wish List was brought up and it was mentioned that maybe we could put the Overhead Sanctuary Projector and the Stage on the Wish List.

Closing Bode: Pastor Bode

Roger S. made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris H. Meeting adjourned by Wayne R.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Olsen Board Secretary

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