

St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Meeting, August 15, 2023
Approved at the September Meeting

Belonging to Christ, we are a family of faith, **Encouraging** spiritual growth, and **Connecting** others to lasting hope.

Call to Order: Gilman, St. John's, and Spring Lake councils met jointly at 6:00 p.m. After this, the St. John's meeting was called to order by Phil Henneman at 7:16 p.m.

Those present: Pastor Bob Friese, Phil Henneman (President), Barb Esanbock (Secretary), Brian Sandness (Financial Secretary), Stacy Burr (Stewardship), Ella Esanbock (Worship), Tom Boyer (Property)

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tom Boyer, second by Stacy Burr, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Tom Boyer, second by Stacy Burr, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The report was reviewed and discussed. Jeff Johnson donated his lawn mowing time. Motion by Brian Sandness, second by Tom Boyer, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Written report provided by Pastor Bob at the joint council meeting. Items mentioned and discussed included: starting to plan for Christmas services; Confirmation schedule; and Altar Guild.

COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP: Chair: Stacy Burr

- Discussion on our sponsored child, time and talent sheets, and Parish stewardship.

PROPERTY: Chair: Tom Boyer

- Discussion on repairs needed to the outside of the church building, including cracks to the exterior; the parking lot, and sidewalks. The interior will need new flooring, furnace, and air conditioners soon. Fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th, 8-Noon.

WORSHIP: Chair: Ella Esanbock

- Ella will be reaching out to Gretchen Cipriano regarding scheduling musicians, and Mel Wentlandt for Altar Guild.

EDUCATION: Chair, Beth Keehr

- Nothing new to report.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Chair: Melanie Wentlandt

- Nothing new to report.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Brian Sandness reported that he now has 4 volunteers as counters.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Food Pantry:** St. John's will now be paid \$500 per month from the food pantry towards maintaining the education building.
- **Parish Directory:** Tabled until next year after the call process is completed.
- **Background Checks:** Name, date of birth, and SS# will be needed in the office by next Wednesday. Our cost will be \$10 per background check.
- **Ministry Site Profile:** To be completed after the call committee is in place. We are still in need of one person from St. John's, preferably a female.
- **Search for Parish administrator and assistant administrator:** Both spots have been filled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **St. John's Treasurer:** We will need a council treasurer to take Ann's spot.
- **St. John's Parish Council Member:** We have an open spot for a Parish Council member from St. John's.
- **Confirmation Class/Wednesday Worship:** Pastor Bob discussed at the joint council meeting.
- **Work Groups:** Discussion on reviving the workgroups.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion by Tom Boyer, second by Stacy Burr, to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Esanbock, St. John's Council Secretary.