

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Council Meeting, October 10, 2023**  
Approved at the November Meeting

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

**Call to Order:** Gilman, Spring Lake, and St. John's councils met jointly at 6:00 p.m. The St. John's meeting was then called to order by Phil Henneman at 6:30 p.m.

**Those present:** Pastor Bob Friese, Phil Henneman (President), Barb Esanbock (Secretary), Brian Sandness (Financial Secretary), Stacy Burr (Stewardship), Tom Boyer (Property), Beth Keehr (Education), Melanie Wentlandt (Social Concerns)

**Approval of Agenda:** After a spelling correction, there was a motion by Tom Boyer, second by Brian Sandness, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:** Motion by Brian Sandness, second by Beth Keehr, to approve the September minutes as presented. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** After clarification that 1517 Media is a part of Augsburg Publishing, there was a motion by Barb Esanbock, second by Tom Boyer, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report/Parish Discussion:** The Thanksgiving ecumenical service is being planned. Confirmation is going well. Pastor Bob will be at the SVHCC for Trunk or Treat on Halloween; Jessica Hanson from Spring Lake is ordering candy and decorations; it was agreed that this expense, to be under \$100, will be paid from the Parish funds. Pastor Bob would like to see some storage cabinets in the fellowship hall, and the library organized.

### **COMMITTEE / ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

**STEWARDSHIP:** Chair: Stacy Burr

- Donations for our sponsor child, Charles Jasper, exceeded the \$100 that we can send him for his birthday. The remainder will go towards what we can send him and his community for Christmas.
- Stacy and Nina have been working on getting volunteers for services. We are especially in need of coffee hosts.

**PROPERTY:** Chair: Tom Boyer

- Nothing new to report.

**WORSHIP:** Chair: Ella Esanbock

- Nothing new to report.

**EDUCATION:** Chair, Beth Keehr

- Confirmation Sunday - Treats are being taken care of; discussion on where to place the wooden chests.
- Wednesday night confirmation is going well; students need to have their sponsors there once a month.
- Sunday School curriculum has been ordered.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS:** Chair: Melanie Wentlandt

- A request will be made for parishioners to bring items for the food pantry to the Thanksgiving service.
- Planning is started on the Live Nativity; December 3rd after church service was suggested.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** Brian has plenty of offering counters at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Background Checks for Youth Volunteers:** Some may still need to be completed.
- **Ministry Site Profile:** The Call Committee is working on updating this.
- **St. John's Treasurer:** We are still in need of someone to fill this position on St. John's Council.
- **St. John's Parish Council Member:** We are still in need of someone to fill this position.
- **Work Groups:** Tabled
- **Grace Place:** Tabled
- **Altar Guild:** Mel will arrange to have training sessions a half hour prior to service on Wednesday, October 25th, as well as Sunday, November 12th.
- **Christmas Decorating:** The Sunday after Thanksgiving, after service. We will have soup and sandwiches.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2024 St. John's Council Elections:** Phil will review the terms that will be up.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, November 14th, 2023; joint council at 6:00 p.m. with St. John's Council to follow.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Tom Boyer, second by Brian Sandness, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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