

HARVEST MINISTRY NEWS LETTER

February 2019

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

In Gratitude & Joy!

In my corner of the newsletter I only want to briefly lift up my own gratitude and joy for each and every one of you as a part of the Body of Christ. Those who were able to be present at our annual meetings at either congregation this year (and I know many were not able to attend in person, were there in spirit), know that we took the opportunity to recognize the many spiritual gifts in our communities and lift those with thanks and joy to God.

One of the greatest spiritual gifts we each have is that of simply showing up. Showing up for one another and being present as a part of the Body of Christ in our doing and simply in our being. And showing up for God and worshiping God both formally in our Sunday and special worship services and in the many ways we are called to worship God throughout each of our days.

I'm looking forward with a grateful heart to another joyful year serving together with the people of God in our communities.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Tami Groth

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We Pray –

I have heard from many that you appreciate the prayer resources provided at times in the newsletter. I will continue to seek out resources to share here, and am also able to recommend additional resources that may be helpful to individuals. This month I share two prayers for individual use from our *Prayer Book for the Armed Services*:

For use especially at times of anxiety or fear:

Lord Jesus, as you stilled the wind and rough sea so long ago and brought calm to your terrified disciples, so care for me now and calm my heart. Rescue me from fear and grant me courage to do my duty. Walk with me each step of the way and keep me in your unending care. You know me far better than I know myself. You have been with me from the beginning. You have made me your disciple. Assure me by your Spirit that you will hear my prayer, for you have promised to be with me always. **Amen.**

Daily renewal:

Almighty God, by my baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you turn me from the old life of sin. Grant that I who am reborn to new life in him may live in righteousness and holiness all my days. **Amen.**

Coffee with Pastor times return in the Spring!

First week of the month for April, May & June!

Mondays at The Stirring in Correctionville at 9 am

→ April 1st, May 6th, and June 3rd

Thursdays at Jojo's Coffee in Kingsley at 10:30 am

→ April 4th, May 9th, and June 6th

Members and friends of either/both congregations invited to all locations & times!

Harvest Ministry Sunday Worship Services

St. John 8:30 am

Salem 10:30 am

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Harvest Ministry Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Jim Droegmiller @ 6:33
Those present were Danelle Sullivan, John Hoppe,
Lewis Byers, Pastor Tami Groth, Tammy Porter, Jim
and Elaine Droegmiller

Devotions were given by Pastor Tami based on
Philippians 1:3-11 and the Draw Near devotional.

Addition to the agenda: Budget

Secretary's report was approved as read

Treasurer's report was given with an ending balance of
\$22,092.09

Business:

Budget was finalized and would be ready to present to
each church council at their December meeting. Motion

was made by Elaine to accept the current budget and
seconded by Lewis

We than reviewed the Harvest Ministry Agreement and
it was then decided that at the February meeting of the
Harvest Ministry it would be reviewed for the new
members to the Council. Each church would bring the
last two years of giving and attendance to help in
reviewing what each church would be responsible for.

Pastor's Report: finishing up things for with her approval
essay and lining up her approval interview.

Next meeting will be February 13th at St John @ 6:30

Motion to adjourn by Tammy and seconded by John
Ended with the Lord's Prayer

Elaine Droegmiller/ Harvest Ministry Secretary

Prayer Concerns: Nick Corey, Jennifer Campbell
Reta, Jamie Mohr Ummach, John (Buck) Jacobs,
and Danelle Sullivan.

*Prayer list open to anyone and updated as
information is shared.*

*Please contact Pastor Tami directly to request
pastoral care visits.*

Please keep our homebound members in prayer
including those in facilities:

Correctionville Specialty Care: LaVinna Wiese,
Lewis Reyman, Delores Dau, Jackie Herbold
Whispering Creek in Sioux City: Wilma Bollin
Kingsley Specialty Care: Dorothy Struve, Hulda
Anfinson

Good Samaritan Society - Holstein: Violet Rohlk
The Beck, Cherokee: Betty Stoneking



Thank you for your many heart-felt Christmas gifts, greetings and
support in our mutual ministry together throughout this past year. I give
thanks continually for the seasonal gifts and expressions of support, as
well as how we show up together as the people of God. With gratitude,
Pastor Tami

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Dwelling in God's Word

During our annual meeting worship at both churches we were able to spend time reflecting on what we expect of God and how we have those expectations, and this brought us rightly back to God's Word and the expectation of studying and dwelling in scripture. There are many ways to dwell in God's word and not all of them are what we would call study. For example Lectio Divina, a process combining scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word, does not promote studying the texts academically, but rather as the Living Word of God. I often lead a very brief form of Lectio Divina prior to council meetings. Similarly, our liturgical prayers are scripture-based and proclaim the Living Word as we sing or speak together the liturgy. Over the year I hope to be able to explore many of these spiritual practices involving scripture; however, living out our purpose in God's mission also does involve studying at times. With that in mind, we will experiment with the following study opportunities this Spring.

Please note that these dates and times were set based on the very limited feedback received from the Bible Study questionnaire. If you are interested in additional Bible Study opportunities, but these times and places do not work for you, please let Pastor Tami know very specifically what times do work. Pastor Tami will also attempt to post some pieces of each Bible Study online for those that prefer to follow along that way (copyright allowed only).

February Study: God's Standard or Gold Standard?: Studies in Proverbs

This study looks at the texts in Proverbs from historical, literary, Lutheran theological, and devotional perspectives. You can come to any/all of the studies (will be some overlap between afternoon and evening times, but also some new items). No Preparation needed, just show up! *Also note that if sessions are cancelled due to weather, they will not be rescheduled.*

Wednesdays evenings at St. John in Pastor's Study:
Feb 6th & 27th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Tuesday afternoons at Parsonage in Correctionville:
Feb 12th & 19th from 1 to 2 pm

Cultivating and Letting Go – Lent Theme and Bible Study

Our theme throughout Lent this year will be *Cultivating and Letting Go*. This theme will be used in various ways at both Sunday and Wednesday evening services as well as before our Wednesday evening services when you are invited to gather and take time to dive deeper into the assigned scripture readings for the week.

Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This Lent, we're embracing the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go.

Each week we will gather at 6 for our approximately 45 minutes of Bible Study together, and we worship at 7.

There has also been conversation about having light "soup supper" available during our Wednesday evenings in Lent. Please let Pastor Tami know if you would appreciate having such a meal available as well as if you are able to assist in this hospitality one of the weeks.

Midweek Lenten services and Bible study dates & locations:

March 13 (Salem)
March 20 (St John)
March 27 (Salem)
April 3 (St. John)
April 10 (Salem)

Easter Season: An Intergenerational Curriculum Based on Affirmation of Baptism

(A Book of Faith/Life of Faith Resource written by the Rev. Dr. Craig L. Nesson, Wartburg Theological Seminary)

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This six-session study takes as its point of departure the promises made in the Affirmation of Baptism Service. The sessions are:

1. The Covenant God Made with You in Holy Baptism
2. To Live among God's Faithful People, Hearing the Word of God and Sharing in the Lord's Supper
3. To Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through Word and Deed
4. To Serve All People, Following the Example of Jesus

5. To Strive for Justice and Peace in All the Earth
6. I Do, and I Ask God to Help and Guide Me

Dates will not be finalized on this study until the March newsletter; however I anticipate meeting weekly after Sunday services at Salem (exact time pending feedback) as well as 3 days/times throughout the week during the Easter season when multiple sessions are covered in one meeting (entailing a longer meeting time but fewer meetings).

February 2019, LSI **Bulletin/Newsletter Article and** **Story**

Happy Valentine's Day from LSI!

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Lutheran Services in Iowa's (LSI) mission is about love: responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. We give thanks for all the ministry partners, both individuals and congregations, who help share this love for Iowa children, families, and adults!

We see this love in newly adopted children and their families, in teens who learn to trade self-harm for self-worth, in Iowans with disabilities who are growing their independence and confidence, in new parents who are raising strong and healthy families, and in so many other moments of joy. You can help carry out our mission of hope and healing by giving a gift and showing love to the Iowa families we serve. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org.

Thank you for the love you share and create through LSI. Happy Valentine's Day!

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical

Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

Helping Kids Thrive

When Kari, a little girl they knew through church, was in need of a foster home, Stacie and Blake decided to step up.

The couple became licensed as foster and adoptive parents, and Stacie says it's been a rewarding experience ever since. With LSI Foster Care and Adoption in their corner, ready to provide support, guidance, or even just a listening ear, Stacie and Blake lift up children in their community through foster care.

After caring for Kari as foster parents, the opportunity came to adopt her. Now 10, Kari is an amazing big sister. The family has fostered and adopted a son, 3-year-old Silas, and they recently welcomed their biological son, 1-year-old Jett, into the family.

Stacie and Blake continue to foster children in need of a safe and supportive home, and Stacie says they hope to adopt again in the future.

"When you become a foster or adoptive parent, yes, you're helping children. But at the same time, you learn about yourself and you learn more about the world around you," Stacie says. "Foster care is an experience that is indescribable and life-changing."

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Cross+Generational Ministry Lab

Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 9 AM – 3:30 PM (Snow date - Saturday, March 23rd)

St. Mark Lutheran Church ELCA Sioux City, Iowa

5200 Glenn Ave (Morningside Neighborhood), Sioux City, Iowa 51106

General Admission/person - \$10.00

See event poster here:

http://www.wisynod.org/uploads/2/3/0/3/23032342/final_flier_redone_in_publisher.pdf

Or contact Pastor Tami directly.

Children age 5 and up are welcome to join us for the morning session through lunch. Childcare will be available all day for children younger than 5 and for older children in the afternoon.

Please indicate childcare needs on registration form by March 1

Experience Cross+Generational relationships as we...

- Broaden our understand of stewardship
- Share the noon meal
- Engage in one person's story of creating a cross+generational culture in a congregation

Explore various models and tools for Cross+Generational ministry:

- ELCA Generosity Project
- FaithInk's Faith5 and more
- GenOn's Sunday Lift & LOGOS programs
- NE Synod's: Together video series

Equipped to lead Cross+Generational interaction:

- Depart with new cross+gen ideas to immediately apply in one's setting for worship, education, stewardship, and serving
- Complete a C.A.T. scan of one's ministry
- Build a network with peers
- Receive support and encouragement from synod staff
- Be blessed and sent

God's Work Our Hands Opportunity at Lutheran Lakeside!

April 28th, 2019

This is a great opportunity for congregations, families, or individuals to do God's Work, make a positive impact on the community, and great memories. Come out in the afternoon for a few hours of service followed by an evening meal at 5:30pm. Projects for all ages and skill levels will be available.

If your group can't make this day we are happy to schedule a different service day to accommodate your group. Want to help, but aren't able to attend? You can participate by donating needed supplies, funds, or food for the day.

RSVP your group today by calling the office or emailing z@lutheranlakeside.com

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What is the NEXUS Institute?

GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY



where God's call meets your life

The NEXUS Institute is a free, week-long, on-campus institute that brings together **10th-12th grade students** from around the country to dig deep into theology with Christian professors and speakers. This institute, which students must fill out an application to attend, helps students think theologically, live in Christian community with our college mentors, and consider their call in ministry. This year's theme is...

Jesus: Old, New, & Now.

We want to bring up future Christian leaders who understand the gospel and live its truths. We will dive deep into the Old and New Testaments to see the gospel at work, and we will learn how to carry the gospel NOW!

How much does NEXUS cost?

FREE! NEXUS is part of the High School Youth Theological Institutes and is made possible through a generous grant from the Lilly Foundation. The only cost to you is the cost of transportation to Des Moines (should a student need financial assistance for travel costs, please contact us ASAP).

Where can I learn more about the NEXUS Institute?

Brochure Site: www.nexusgv.org

Grand View Website: <https://www.grandview.edu/academics/other-programs/nexus>

Facebook: search @nexusinstitute

Instagram: nexusinstitute

Twitter: @NexusInstGV

Continuing Ed for Pastors, Families, & Students (for all who are interested in learning more!)

All inclusive: meals, lodging, education, worship, and endless camp activities for all ages.

When: August 4 - 9, 2019

Where: Lutheran Lakeside Camp

Speakers: Rev. Dr. Troy Troftgruben and Rev. Dr. Winston Persaud,

Lodging: Variety of housing options makes the week affordable for all families.

Special rates for students and people considering seminary.

Visit lutheranlakeside.com for more information. Spots are limited so reserve now with no payment until January

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The Siouxland Forum

morning through and including lunch at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Sioux City. Specific starting times and registration fees will be announced for each event. All events open to all wanting to learn from our presenters (not limited to clergy and other church leaders).

Tuesday, February 12 - Dr. Jennifer Harvey, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

Tuesday, March 12 - Prairie Rose Seminole, Program Director for American Indian Alaska Native Ministries for the ELCA

Tuesday, April 23 - Dr. Karoline Lewis, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota

Tuesday, Oct. 8 - Dr. Cambria Kaltwasser, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa

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Salem Lutheran Church Pastor's Report for 2018

*We feast upon the abundance of your
house, O LORD. (Ps. 36:8)*

I selected the theme of “Gratitude and Joy” for our annual worship and meeting this year as a reflection of this past year. This has been a busy year for me as attended classes and completed required course work with Wartburg seminary as well as the requirements for my Pastoral Internship this year. Many weeks my attention and time was needed for these learning requirements as a part of my TEEM program as much or more than they were needed for pastoral care and worship leadership. The support I received both from congregational leadership and the entire community is what made this year not only possibly, but a year of ministry that moved forward faithfully in all that the community as been called to do as we participate in God’s mission at this time.

As a practical note I anticipate a Spring date for ordination, and request your prayers as I meet with seminary and synod leadership over the next couple of months for my final approval interviews. I will announce formally when I have been approved for ordination as well as ordination date as soon as I am able to do so.

Throughout the year we have continued to grow in our mutual relationship between pastor and congregation and this has allowed me confidence in experimenting with worship formats, special Sundays, cross or multi-generational events, and so on. This is observed in some connections between our education events and worship, as well my continually evolving preaching style. It is also witnessed in the work this congregation’s leadership put into developing a Purpose Statement. As we look to our ongoing purpose within God’s mission we will continue to ask if the way we spend our time and money reflects our purpose of: “Joyfully Sharing Christ’s Love with All Through our Worship, Friendship and Gifts.”

Recognizing one another’s spiritual gifts and making space and time for those gifts to be used in

service to God is one of the broader spiritual gifts of the Salem church body, and it is one I joyously give thanks for daily!

As we look forward to next year I anticipate that these gifts will continue to be lifted up even as recognize new gifts in the community. We will also continue to look for ways to recognize our youngest members as a vital part of our congregation as we provide additional education and fellowship opportunities for all.

This recognition of faith not being limited to those who can articulate it is an important part of how we understand God’s grace as a free gift given in Word and sacrament. As we live out that understanding it makes sense that in addition to providing communion for anyone with dementia or lifelong intellectual disabilities, we also provide an open table for children of all ages (with the consent of their parents). With an open table also comes open opportunities for service in worship, fellowship, and out in the communities we live and work in.

Our faith is also not limited to what is done or said inside our church building. Our ongoing service work in many areas from the Soup Kitchen and Warming Shelter in Sioux City, to the official participation in the Congregational care team to make visits to homebound members, and the many unofficial caring that happens both within and to our communities. Additionally our leadership recognizes that some needs within our own community are best met in confidential ways, so this past year we established a pastoral care discretionary fund administered with only between Pastor and council executive leadership. And much to my joy there are always funds available for educational opportunities such as kids (or adults!) going to camp or taking additional faith-related classes.

Our broadest theme throughout our worship in 2019 will be Gratitude and Joy (yes, even in Lent when we will focus on “*Cultivating and Letting Go*”). I invite you all to embrace gratitude and joy not only on Sunday mornings, but each day throughout your lives as we give thanks to God and live joyously in the grace of God and the light of Christ.

In closing, I would like to take a moment to thank the following people

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- The Internship committee, including Salem representatives Kathy Hill and Karen and Mark Burnham
- The many council and other worship assistants that unlock the church, make sure snow is cleared, turn on the lights, prepare our communion wine and bread, brew the coffee, and so much more each week!
- Clark Byers for the enormous amount of “behind the scenes” work done to get our newsletter and bulletins ready for you to read as well as his ushering and other services each Sunday.
- Nancy Clausen for her dedication to making sure we have worship music played weekly.
- The entire Salem 2018 council, including president Kevin Reinking, for their leadership
- Our Harvest Ministry Council members, Danelle Sullivan, John Hoppe, and Louis Byers for their joint leadership working with St. John, Cushing throughout the year.
- Jennifer Paulson & Kevin Reinking for serving on the mutual ministry team
- Karen Burnham & Jo Hanson for the time, energy and caring they put into the prayer chain
- Janelle Lewis and the Parish Education committee for their time and dedication to our educational programs including VBS and Sunday School
- Danelle Sullivan and Jennifer Paulson for LYO leadership
- The Amazing Salem Vitality team!

Beyond this list, please know that I recognize that each of you contributes to Salem Lutheran in some way—thank you!

Salem Lutheran is not a building, it is a community of people—the people of God in this time and place who come together to worship the risen Christ and to do God’s work in the world. Thank you for helping to do that work. May we continue to see what God is calling us to do together in the coming year as we continue to recognize and give joyous thanks for our many diverse spiritual gifts.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tami

JOYFULLY SHARING CHRIST’S LOVE WITH
ALL
THROUGH OUR WORSHIP, FRIENDSHIP AND
GIFTS

Kitchen Committee

The Kitchen Committee would like to offer the old kitchen plates, saucers, cups and large glasses to anyone that would like to take them. Please contact Carol Kabisch, Joan Reinking, or Janet Byers if you are interested in looking at what is available. They are stored in the area leading to the storeroom under the new addition.

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Approved Minutes

SALEM LUTHERAN COUNCIL MEETING

December 19, 2018

The council met with the following members present: Kevin Reinking, Nancy Clausen, Danelle Sullivan, Brent Reinking, Karen Lund, Janelle Lewis, Chuck Meissner and Pastor Tami

Kevin called the meeting to order.

Pastor Tami opened with devotions from the "Draw Near" devotional and Phillipians 1:3-11. Council members shared their joys and hopes.

There was no correspondence.

Nancy read the secretary's report from October; there was no council meeting in November. Nancy noted a typo in the treasurer's part of the report and she will correct it. Secretary's report was approved.

Brent presented the treasurer's reports for October and November. In October there was a balance of \$8627.78 in the Capital Improvement Fund. Parsonage Maintenance fund had a balance of \$4242.45. General fund had an opening balance of \$5748.48. Receipts for October were \$3025.00 plus \$0.90 interest and expenses of \$4312.82 leaving a balance of \$4461.56. November's balance in the Capital Improvement Fund was \$8627.78 and Parsonage Maintenance Fund had a balance of 4242.45. General fund opening balance was \$4461.56. Receipts for November were \$3888.36 plus \$0.86 interest. Expenses for November were \$4205.13 leaving a balance of \$4145.65. Treasurer's reports were approved. Brent noted that Kingsley State Bank had sent a notice that we had not written a check from the Parsonage Maintenance fund for some time. Karen made a motion to close the Parsonage Maintenance fund and transfer the money into the Capital Improvement fund. Janelle seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business:

There were no updates to the well, septic and chlorine systems.

Harvest Ministry designated the offerings from the joint Thanksgiving Eve service to the River Valley backpack program. Harvest ministry council is going to be going over the Harvest Ministry agreement each February when new members come on the council.

Congregational Vitality: Some of the members of the vitality team worked on the mason jar Advent project. The vitality team attended another retreat in November. There were several breakout sessions that members attended. One of the sessions was on technology and it was noted that there are some updates needed to our web page. Drew Hackett in Kingsley is the web master for the congregation's web page. He will be contacted. Pastor Tami and her family and Danelle and her daughters helped at the Thanksgiving meal at the warming shelter. Pastor Tami took sandwiches made of leftover turkey to the shelter later that weekend.

Parish Education: Pastor Tami has Sunday School lessons downloaded for after Christmas. Danelle said we are still working through the lessons from fall. The council discussed having youth help with the Christmas Eve service and having a Nativity scene for a portion of the worship service.

The repairs to the men's and women's bathrooms have not been made.

Bob Kabisch purchased an electric heater for Pastor's office.

A new guest book has been purchased by the memorial committee.

The annual organ maintenance visit was in early November. Darrow Organ noted that the thermostats had not been turned up.

New Business:

Pastor Tami noted that Pastor Kathleen Anderson would be willing to record hymns that we do not have recorded yet.

The council reviewed the budget for 2019. The council decided to increase our benevolence to 6.5% or \$4000.00, whichever is greater based on receipts. Karen made a motion to present a budget of \$66,768.05 to the congregation at the annual meeting. Chuck seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Tami said that we would incorporate our annual meeting into our worship on January 20th. Council will provide a meal of taverns, chips and bars following the worship/meeting. We will discuss specifics prior to the meeting.

Pastor Tami said that Jenifer and Brian Aman and family would like to join Salem. Brent made a motion to receive Jenifer and Brian Aman and their children, Sophie and Addie Aman, and Sadie and Peyton Robbins and Noah Peterson into membership. Janelle seconded. Motion carried.

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Pastor Tami distributed surveys for adult education classes and has not received a lot of feedback yet. Kevin will reach out to the Iowa Dept. of Transportation on getting our church sign re-posted at the corner of Hwy 20 and Lee Avenue.

Pastor's report: Pastor Tami handed out her activities as well as upcoming worship opportunities for Christmas and her vacation in January. She has a TEEM required interview at Wartburg Seminary the end of January.

Next meeting is January 16th at 6:15 PM.

Brent moved for adjournment and Karen seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Submitted by Nancy Clausen,
Secretary**

Unapproved Minutes

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January 16, 2019

The council met with the following members present: Kevin Reinking, Nancy Clausen, Bob Kabisch, Brent Reinking, Karen Lund, Chuck Meissner and Pastor Tami

Kevin called the meeting to order.

Pastor Tami opened with devotions from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 where St. Paul talks about spiritual gifts. The council discussed what they noticed/wondered.

Correspondence: There was a Christmas letter from Pr. Scott Meier and Kevin posted on the bulletin board in the upper narthex. There was also a letter from the Synod about budget issues.

Nancy read the secretary's report. Secretary's report was approved as read.

Brent presented the treasurer's report for December. There was an opening balance of \$8627.78 in the Capital Improvement Fund. There was an addition of \$4242.45, which was a transfer from the parsonage maintenance fund leaving a balance of \$12,870.23.

Parsonage Maintenance fund had an opening balance of \$4242.45. That was all transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund leaving a balance of \$0.00. General fund had an opening balance of \$4145.65. Receipts for December were \$6093.06 plus \$0.72 interest and expenses of \$5932.44 plus in and out Lenten offerings of \$512.00 leaving a balance of \$3794.99. Brent made the final payment for benevolence in December. Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

There were no updates to the well, septic and chlorine systems.

Harvest Ministry council had not met so there was no update.

Congregational Vitality: No update.

Parish Education: There were several positive comments about the children's nativity display during the worship service on Christmas Eve.

Annual meeting was discussed. Brent had several names for the ballot. We still have a few openings that will hopefully be filled at the annual meeting. Council discussed the meal to follow. Pastor Tami will work on the agenda—it will be incorporated into worship.

New Business:

The council will work on cleaning the secretary's office this winter.

The council discussed the possible removal of some pews in the rear of the sanctuary.

Nancy asked if we could move the chicken dinner to March 31st instead of April 7th. Carol Kabisch has another catering event that day. The council decided that would work.

The old copier was discussed. We still use it and have an active maintenance contract on it until February/March. It was decided not to renew the maintenance contract and use the old copier until it no longer works then dispose of it.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tami reported on her vacation, the upcoming annual meeting and the end of her candidacy process and upcoming ordination.

Next meeting is February 20th at 6:15 PM.

Nancy moved for adjournment and Karen seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Submitted by Nancy Clausen,
Secretary**

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February Service Helpers

Deacon and Trustee and Communion Assistants:

Deacon:

Trustee:



February Birthday

7 Colin Hoppe
24 Judy Krier
24 Dennis Reinking
28 Zoe Linn

February Lay readers

2/3/19 John Hoppe
2/10/19 Danelle Sullivan
2/17/19 Janelle Lewis
2/24/19 Nancy Clausen



February Greeters

2/3/19 Kathy Hill
2/10/19 Paulsen's
2/17/19 Janelle Lewis
2/24/19

Prayers for Salem families and friends:

2/3/19 - Brent, Sandra, Cole & Allison, David & Peg Reinking

2/10/19 - Dean & Jessica Reinking, Dennis & Joan Reinking, Jordan & Morgan Reinking

2/17/19 - Dhanashree Reinking, Emily Reinking, Kevin, Susan & Katie Reinking, Louis & Norma Reinking

2/23/19 - , Mark & Lisa Reinking, Roger & Joan Reinking, Ryan & Heidi Reinking



Offering's for January

1/6 Current expense \$670.00	Attendance 18
1/13 Current expense \$651.00	Attendance 31
1/20 Current expense \$868.00	Attendance 32
1/27 Current expense \$590.00	Attendance 33

Thank you

Thank you for all of the caring support and expressions of sympathy. -- Elaine Klingensmith

St. John News



February

Lector: Heilman Family
Greeter/Ushers: Heilman Family
Altar Care: Linda Mathers & Bonnie Forbes
Acolytes:



Steve Galvin, Vaughn Heyer, Noelle Jacobs,
Casey Lindsay, Matthew Lundt, Austin Williamson
Sean Witcomb



Women of the Church
Esther Circle
Wednesday Feb 6th @ 1:30
Bible Study: Elaine Droegmiller
Hostess: Elaine Droegmiller

Women's General Meeting
Feb 20th @ 1:30
Program: "Valentine Show & Tell"
Hostess: Ruth Durham

Stewardship Project: Personal Care Kits



There will be quilting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month starting at 9:00. In February the dates are the 13th & 27th. Anyone interested in helping is welcomed.

February Birthdays

3rd Debra Colshan
Vaughn Heyer
Todd Hummel
4th Kylie Reinders
5th Xavian Deeds
Kristin Ruppert
6th Gavin Wiig
7th Kellen Ludvigson
8th Luane Todd
11th Jill Brown
Susan Mohr
13th Brianna Colshan
14th Samantha Deeds
Terra Heilman
15th James Cunningham
16th Hannah Colshan
Jenna Deeds
Elvin Remmick
18th John Deeds
Emilee Droegmiller
Jean Jensen
19th Jady Mohr
20th Krimson Krager
21st Dylan Lewis
Scott O'Connell
Colten Rohlk
22nd Eric Johnson
25th Bristol Baldwin
28th Brian Rohlk

February Anniversaries

6th Jayme & Zane Chwirka
8th Angela & Tony Heck
20th Vergil & Jackie Heyer
Jay & Angela Putensen

Condolences

Our sympathy and condolences go out to the family of Maude Schemmel, Maude's funeral was held at St John on Wednesday, January 16th. Our prayers are with the family.

Our sympathy and condolences go out to the family of Mary Ellen Miller, former member and daughter or Lucille Burrow who passed away on January 3rd. Condolences may be sent to her husband, Benny Miller, 506 B Ave, Axtell, NE 68924

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Monthly attendance and giving report:

11/25/18	58	\$4013.66
12/02/18	no services	
12/09/18	43	\$1585.00
12/16/18	37	\$2675.00
12/23/18	45	\$3520.00
12/24/18	149	\$1421.00
12/30/18	37	\$985.00
01/05/19	34	\$1582.10
01/13/19	32	\$1050.00
01/20/19	20	\$590.00
Needed to make budget weekly		\$1 760.00

St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes

December 17, 2018

Call to Order: President Elaine Droegmiller called

the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

Members present: Elaine Droegmiller, Lana Lundt, Marshall Lundt, Pastor Tami Groth, Terra Heilman, and Linda Mathers

Devotions: Devotions led by Pastor, Luke 1:39-45

and Prayers of Intercession

Additions to the agenda: Treasurer's Report, Chicken Supper, and Release of Jennifer Aman

Secretary's Report: Approved as read
YTD Balances are as follows: church checking account - \$11,102.17, building fund - \$6,919.50, and church savings - \$17,354.90

Pastor's Report: Pastor has updated her form and

procedure. Going forth, it will be posted in the newsletter and in the back of the church.

Committee Repots:

Education: They are busy preparing for the Christmas program. It will be Monday, Dec. 24th at 5:30 pm.

Harvest Ministry: Developed the budget for 2019.

Worship: Next meeting will be in January.

Parsonage/Church Property: The church parking area needs to be sanded during snow and icy weather. Marshall will contact Shawn Joy

Business:

1. Annual Meeting:

St John's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27th at 8:30 am. It will be a combination church service and meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was discussed, and it was decided that there will be no report in the newsletter. Instead the balances of the church's check and savings accounts and building fund will be included in the secretary's report. Elaine made a motion that the Bible Camp Fund and all Sunday School/Youth accounts be merged into one (Educational Checking/Savings accounts). Terra seconded. This will start the first of the year.

3. Chicken Supper: A motion was made by Linda

that the 2019 Chicken Supper be held as a benefit for John "Buck" Jacobs. Marshall seconded.

4. Release of Jennifer Aman: Lana made a motion to release Jennifer Aman and Elaine seconded.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30

Adjournment: Elaine made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Lana seconded. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Secretary, Linda Mathers

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

December 5, 2018

The Ladies met for their annual Christmas pot-luck at noon on December 5. Seven were there for lunch and one came later for the meeting. Such a delicious variety was enjoyed. Cheryl Todd presented the program: History of the Crèches. We learned much. Some thoughts were different from which we have always believed; however, she had Bible verses telling the facts. So interesting. Elaine said that in 2020 Le Mars will have their live nativity. Each person shared their nativity story. Note; 20 lap quilts were donated by the Quilters to Correctionville Nursing and Rehab. 106 Sole for

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St. John Lutheran Church Council Minutes
January 21, 2019

Call to Order: President Elaine Droegmiller called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

Members present: Elaine Droegmiller, Lana Lundt, Marshall Lundt, Pastor Tami Groth, and Linda Mathers

Devotions: Prayer led by Pastor Tami

Additions to the agenda: After Prom and Chicken Supper

Secretary's Report: Approved as read
YTD Balances are as follows: church checking account - \$12,330.07, building fund - \$6,925.08 and church savings - \$17,368.90.

Pastor's Report: Included in annual report.

Committee Repots:

Harvest Ministry: Council appointed Anne Albers to replace Tammy Porter. Thank you, Tammy for your service.

Funeral Committee: Funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 16th for Maude Schemmel.

Task Force: Updated annual booklet.

Memorial Report: Approved as presented.

Business:

1. Annual Budget: Elaine made a motion to accept proposed budget for 2019. Linda seconded. Budget approved.

2. Annual Meeting Agenda: Discussion held and agenda approved.

3. Secretary withholding: Discussion held. Elaine will continue to receive at 1099.

4. Tree trimming at the Parsonage: Linda be coordinating this with Adam Mathers, who will be donating his services.

Volunteers will be needed to clean up and haul away the debris. More information to follow.

5. After Prom: Elaine made a motion to donate \$50 each to River Valley and Ridge View. Marshall seconded.

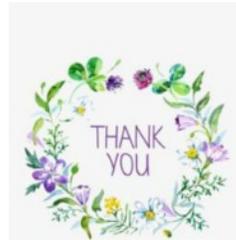
6. Chicken Supper: Discussion held.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Elaine made a motion to adjourn at 7:56p.m. Lana seconded. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Council Secretary, Linda Mathers

February 20th St John will be serving the Soup Kitchen in Sioux City. If you would like to volunteer let me know. We need 6-8 people to help with a least 2 men. If youth help they must be a least 12 yrs old. Work includes helping to serve and then clean-up.



A Special Thank You

A special thank you to our St. John and Salem church family for your prayers, cards, visits, food and words of encouragement during the past months. Mother appreciated all the support very much. You have been a blessing to our family.

Marcia Schemmel
Family of Maude Schemmel

CAMP NEWS

CAMP INFORMATION IS ON THE BACK TABLE

UP COMING CAMP RETREATS:

FEBURARY 15-17 MARRIAGE RETREAT

Theme "Staying in Touch with God and Your Spouse"

Do you like to craft?

MARCH 1-3 "SPRING CRAFTING RETREAT"

Kids interested in going to camp and need financial help talk to the church council.

Booklets and registration for Family camp and the Summer Schedule included

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²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it (1 Cor 12: 12;27)

I selected the theme of “Gratitude and Joy” for our annual worship and meeting this year as a reflection of this past year. This has been a busy year as attended classes and completed required course work with Wartburg seminary as well as the requirements for my Pastoral Internship this year. Many weeks my attention and time was needed for these learning requirements as a part of my TEEM program as much or more than they were needed for pastoral care and worship leadership. The support I received both from congregational leadership and the entire community is what made this year not only possible, but a year of ministry that moved forward faithfully in all that the community has been called to do as we participate in God’s mission at this time.

As a practical note I anticipate a Spring date for ordination, and request your prayers as I meet with seminary and synod leadership over the next couple of months for my final approval interviews. I will announce formally when I have been approved for ordination as well as ordination date as soon as I am able to do so.

Throughout the year we have continued to grow in our mutual relationship between pastor and congregation and this has allowed me confidence in experimenting with worship formats, special Sundays, cross or multi-generational events, and so on. This is observed in some connections between our education events and worship, as well my continually evolving preaching style. It is also witnessed events such as the connection between Rally Sunday and mission work in our own community as we connected with the People’s Pantry in Cushing to go out into the community to do a food drive. This hands-on ministry with our youngest members participating is one of the many ways we are doing *God’s Work* with

Our Hands.

I selected the themes of gratitude and joy as a way to expand on the gratitude and joy I have experienced working with the many small groups at St. John—from the leadership of our church council to the dedication of our many Sunday School teachers and volunteers, as well as the many other small group ministries of the congregation. Throughout the year I hope to continue to lift up the work of both individuals and groups and invite each member of this body of Christ to affirm the spiritual gifts of one another in expressions of gratitude and joy. This will not always be as easy as we would like it to be, and will continue to center ourselves in God’s saving grace as we seek to live as the body of Christ we are called to be.

As we live together as the body of Christ we also continue towards affirming and lifting up how our youngest and most vulnerable members are also important and vital members. It is part of my call as your pastor to lead in this area, and it is one of my greatest joys to do so. This recognition of faith not being limited to those who can articulate it is an important part of how we understand God’s grace as a free gift given in Word and sacrament. As we live out that understanding it makes sense that in addition to providing communion for anyone with dementia or lifelong intellectual disabilities, we also provide an open table for children of all ages (with the consent of their parents). With an open table also comes open opportunities for service in worship, fellowship, and out in the communities we live and work in.

Our broadest theme throughout our worship in 2019 will be Gratitude and Joy (yes, even in Lent when we will focus on “*Cultivating and Letting Go*”). I invite you all to embrace gratitude and joy not only on Sunday mornings, but each day throughout your lives as we give thanks to God and live joyously in the grace of God and the light of Christ.

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In closing, I would like to take a moment to thank the following people:

- Annie Albers for her enthusiasm, passion, and time working with our youth.
- Elaine Droegmiller, for leadership on the congregational council, work “behind-the-scenes” as church secretary, and for her vital participation on the worship committee.
- Marci Schemmel, for sharing her gifts of music and worship planning.
- Lana Lundt, for tireless work as the church treasurer as well as many hours of work assisting Elaine in going through all of our church records.
- Loraine Jepsen, Cheryl Todd, and their many volunteers that make both Sunday School and VBS happen!!!
- Vicki Nippert, for work decorating the church, her custodian work, as well as task force and other work.
- Lana Cunningham for her careful work as a custodian and the many informal ways she serves.
- Cheryl Todd and those that assist her in planning and organizing the Women of the ELCA group (what a fantastic group to meet with!) as well as her leadership for the Chicken Supper.
- Ellen Jolly for organizing quilting, mission projects and for active participation on the mutual ministry committee.
- Our parsonage committee, David Wiese and Dan Volkert, for assisting with repairs and upkeep as needed.
- Bonnie Forbes for mutual ministry participation and guidance.
- Nancy Merkel for ongoing organization of Soup Kitchen volunteers
- Sheila O’Connell for her ongoing work with the Memorials
- Colton Porter and Daigan Deeds for their work as Tech Ministers allowing us to use our screen for reference during worship (this is a ministry of hospitality!)
- Levi Volkert for his work at the parsonage with timely snow removal and lawn care.
- Tammy Porter for work as chair of the Internship committee and Harvest Ministry council.
- Marshall Lundt for active participation on the Internship committee as well as ongoing church council leadership.
- Jana and John Heilman for their active participation on the Internship committee as well as to their entire family for assisting and co-leading worship at many special services.
- Members of the Harvest Festival Committee that worked to make an enjoyable and successful event, including Elaine & Jim Droegmiller, David & Wendi Reyman, Jim & Tammy Porter, Jim Albers, Lana Lundt, and Vickie Nippert
- The Christmas Decorating committee (and anyone the recruited!): John & Jana Heilman and Kyle & Kristi Krager.
- Our entire Congregation Council for their enthusiasm and faithful work on behalf of the church, including Linda Mathers, Marshall Lundt, Marcia Schemmel, Elaine Droegmiller, Terra Heilman, Chris Jepsen, and Lana Lundt.
- Altar Committee volunteers that prepare for communion each week and change our paraments as needed!!
- Our entire Task Force (and the many volunteers they recruit for their many projects), including Vickie Nippert, LeeNette Wiese, Mary Dreeszen, Linda Mathers, and Lana Lundt.
- ALL the CONFIRMATION STUDENTS for your attention and enthusiasm!
- Our Synod Assembly attendees in 2018: Cheryl Todd and Lana Lundt
- To ALL OF YOU – for assisting in worship as readers, greeters, communion assistants, acolytes, and most of all for showing up as a part of this community!

Please know that I recognize that each of you contributes to St. John Lutheran. We are not a building. We are a community of people—the people of God in this time and place who come together to worship the risen Christ and to do God’s work in the world. May we continue to see what God is calling us to do together in the coming year.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Tami Groth

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February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Worship Assistants Lectors/Greeters/ Ushers: Heilman Family</i>	<i>Alter Care: Linda Mathers & Bonnie Forbes</i>	Stewardship Project: Personal Care Kits			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>3 8:30 Worship w/ HC 9:45 Sunday School/ Fellowship</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 5:00 Soul Stretch & Strength</i>	<i>6 1:30 Esther Circle Elaine Droegmiller Hostess/Leader 4:15 Confirmation</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>10 8:30 Worship w/ HC 9:45 Sunday School/ Fellowship</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12 5:00 Soul Stretch & Strength</i>	<i>13 9:00 Quilting 4:15 Confirmation 6:30 Harvest Ministry Meeting @ St John</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17 8:30 Worship w/ HC 9:45 Sunday School/ Fellowship</i>	<i>18 6:30 Church Council Meets</i>	<i>19 5:00 Soul Stretch & Strength</i>	<i>20 1:30 Women's General Meeting Program "Valentine Show & Tell" 4:15 Confirmation Serve Soup Kitchen</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>24 8:30 Worship w/ HC 9:45 Sunday School/ Fellowship</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26 5:00 Soul Stretch & Strength</i>	<i>27 9:00 Quilting 4:15 Confirmation</i>	<i>28</i>		

Daily Lectionary and Bible Reading February 2019

2/1 - F: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10

2/2 - Sa: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51

2/3 - Su: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

2/4 - M: Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

2/5 - Tu: Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25

2/6 - W: Psalm 56; Jeremiah 1:11-19; Luke 19:41-44

2/7 - Th: Psalm 138; Numbers 20:22-29; Acts 9:19b-25

2/8 - F: Psalm 138; Numbers 27:12-23; Acts 9:26-31

2/9 - Sa: Psalm 138; Judges 3:7-11; Luke 4:42-44

2/10 - Su: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

2/11 - M: Psalm 115; Judges 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

2/12 - Tu: Psalm 115; 1 Samuel 9:15—10:1b; 1 Timothy 3:1-9

2/13 - W: Psalm 115; Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32

2/14 - Th: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:12-19; Acts 13:26-34

2/15 - F: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Peter 1:17—2:1

2/16 - Sa: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:1-4; Luke 11:24-28

2/17 - Su: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

2/18 - M: Psalm 120; 2 Kings 24:18—25:21; 1 Corinthians 15:20-34

2/19 - Tu: Psalm 120; Ezra 1:1-11; 2 Corinthians 1:12-19

2/20 - W: Psalm 120; Jeremiah 22:11-17; Luke 11:37-52

2/21 - Th: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 43:16-34; Romans 8:1-11

2/22 - F: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:1-17; 1 John 2:12-17

2/23 - Sa: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:18-34; Luke 12:57-59

2/24 - Su: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38

2/25 - M: Psalm 38; Genesis 33:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

2/26 - Tu: Psalm 38; 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

2/27 - W: Psalm 38; Leviticus 5:1-13; Luke 17:1-4

2/28 - Th: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Proverbs 13:1-12; Romans 5:12—6:2

A Daily Ritual: Make the sign of the cross, saying: “In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.” Light a Candle, if so desired. Then say one of the two prayers below:

Luther’s Morning Prayer: “I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger: and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your Holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen”

Luther’s Evening Prayer: “ I Thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your Dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day: and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.”

Read assigned scriptures, taking time for meditation after each. Then, offer personal prayers/petitions. Close with the Lord’s Prayer.



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