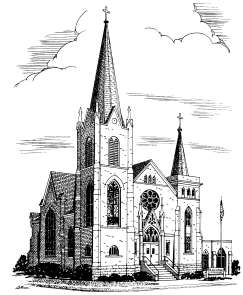


The St. John's Messenger

St. John's Lutheran Church & School 221 Walnut St. S.E.
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085
Church 794-6202 School 794-6200 Pastor Robert Hellman 763-232-1168
www.stjohnsse.com



SEPTEMBER 2013

Meet Our Vacancy Pastor

At the Voters' Meeting last Sunday Pastor Bob Hellmann of New Ulm was called to be vacancy pastor. He has accepted the call. Here is a little background information on him.

He was born in Watertown, South Dakota, and lived in Glenwood, MN, and then Peshtigo, Rock Springs, and Slades Corners, all in Wisconsin. His father, A. A. Hellmann, served as pastor in those places.

He prepared for the ministry by attending Northwestern Prep and Northwestern College in Watertown, Wis., and then Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., graduating in 1970.

He served churches in Alpine, CA, Olivia, MN, and for 29 years in Montrose, MN. He retired at the end of July in 2012 after 42 years in the ministry and now lives in New Ulm.

In 1972 he and Sue Hodges were united in holy matrimony in Tucson, AZ. Sue was born in Latrobe, PA, and grew up mostly in Tucson. They have been blessed with two children. Paulina works and lives at home. She is engaged to be married next July. Liz is married and lives in Boise, ID. She and Jesse were blessed with a daughter this past May 15.

We are happy for the opportunity to get to know you and to serve you with the gospel of Jesus.

St. John's Mission statement:

*The continuing purpose of this congregation is to serve all people in God's world
with the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.*

Church Council Minutes August 8, 2013

Present: Jerry Dittbenner, Shorty Haus, Steve Howell, Kevin Leopold, Jim Mielke, Dan Rick and Pastor Draper.

Pastor Draper opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

Jerry Dittbenner served as president.

Minutes

Shorty Haus/Jim Mielke made a motion to approve the July 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor had no written report but wanted to thank everyone for their encouragement and gifts.

Treasurer's Report

Kevin Leopold/Steve Windschitl made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for July 2013. Motion carried.

President's Report

No report.

Board of Elders

Shorty Haus/Jim Mielke made a motion to transfer out Courtney & Kaiden Hammerschmidt to St. Johns, New Ulm. Motion carried.

Shorty Haus/Jim Mielke made a motion to transfer out Tim, Joan, Mary and Daniel Schroeder to Trinity, Nicollet. Motion carried.

Shorty Haus/Jim Mielke made a motion to transfer out Pastor, Sallie, Stanley, Luke and Ben Draper to St. Paul's, New Ulm. Motion carried.

Shorty Haus/Jim Mielke made a motion to release Melinda Braulick, Jadon Ludwig and Maranda Braulick. Motion carried.

Shorty Haus/Jim Mielke made a motion to transfer in Lori, Tatyana, Yuri, Alexsei and Katya Soloviyov. Motion carried.

Principal & Board of Education

Dan Rick reported that parents were happy with early registration. Dan met with those who had delinquent payments. School starts August 26th this year. The hog roast is scheduled for September 8th after the 9 a.m. Service. Proceeds are requested to go towards new sleds, cross country t-shirts, new basketball jerseys and athletic equipment.

Worship Committee

No report.

Maintenance Committee

Kevin Leopold reported he is getting bids for a new window in church. Our property needs to be seeded. We have a contract for the elevator to be checked 4 times a year at \$660. August 24th members are asked to help Pastor and family move.

Outreach

No report.

Stewardship

No report.

MVL/WELS

Pastor talked about the translation of the Bible.

Endowment and Trust Fund Committee

No report.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Shorty Haus/Jim Mielke made a motion to ratify Steve Windschitl to be president. Motion carried.

The Pre-Call meeting will be held August 18th at 7pm. The Call meeting will be held August 25th at

7pm.

The next Church Council meeting will be held Thursday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Shorty Haus/Jim Mielke made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Steve Howell, Secretary



Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met on Wednesday, August 7th at 2:00 p.m. President Marlys Lochner presided.

Pastor Draper gave the devotion for the day.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay \$275.00 for 25 copies of Forward in Christ magazine.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay for 5 copies of the large print meditation booklet.

We received a colorful thank you from the MVL After Prom Committee for our donation. St. John's held their annual Corn Days Pie Stand on August 16th. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up, deliver the pies to the park, cut and plated pies, the Youth Group, the ladies that made pies on Thursday and all the others who brought pies on Friday morning. We also thank all the others who helped in any way! Our latest count was the 77 pies were sold to the last slice by 6:00 p.m. The amount of the proceeds is not available at this time.

Block 3 has been assigned to serve the pot-luck for the Draper family farewell on August 18th.

Block 4 served lunch for the Mark Hammerschmidt funeral.

Block 1 is up to serve.

Our next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Hosanna Circle on Thursday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m. Note the new time! Come join us!

Marilyn Deibele
Secretary

Thank You!

A HUGE thanks to all those who participated in the property/classroom clean up. So much was accomplished! What a blessing to have so many helping hands!



Hosanna Circle

Pastor led us in devotions, looking at Paul's public ministry from the book of Acts.

Paula asked for more volunteers from our circle (and the congregation) for putting flowers on the altar. Also, the schedule for banners and raiments will be posted so that portion of what Sallie Draper has been doing will be covered.

Connie Trebesch will be taking over the treasurer duties for the circle.

Our Advent celebration is scheduled for December 8th, beginning at 4:00 pm. Committee duties are as follows: Food, Mary Bartz, Marilyn Leopold and Connie Trebesch. Paula Windschitl will be working with Dr. Ann Vogel as our speaker. We wanted the theme to be "Rejoice Emmanuel." Paula will also do some program work. There are a few people to contact for artwork and decoration help. Mickey Meyer will be working the hostesses for the tables and promotions. We are planning a salad meal.

Mickey Meyer will be the administrator for the Prayer Pals.

A reminder to all circle members, our September meeting will be the shared evening meeting with the Ladies Aid, starting at 6:00 pm on September 5th..

Respectfully,

Sisters in Christ
Mickey Meyer and Connie Trebesch



Befriend a Mission

This month we have one family on our **Befriend a Mission** list that is celebrating three birthdays! The family of Craig and Charissa Breitreutz are our focus for September as we remember them with cards, prayers and greetings. This family serves at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Peridot, AZ. They were kind enough to offer a short list of suggestions of things the family could use or enjoy. Here are the birthdays, as well as a few ideas:

Charissa (wife/mother) 9/15 [toothpaste, lotion, soap, shampoo]

Brett (son) 9/24/2007 [Legos]

Caitlynn (daughter) 9/25/2009 [Anything "princess" and "Dora the Explorer"]

I recently heard back from Charissa, and she was thankful for cards and items received. When they receive these gifts it is like "lifting up the prophets hands" as they serve in sometimes less than ideal circumstances or living conditions. Prayers are always important! Pray that their school may continue in its list of improvements of physical conditions, and that the Holy Spirit works through them to help educate these young souls to God's glory.

We also have received notice of a special opportunity from Pastor Thomas Spiegelberg of St. Lucia. A student from their congregation will be enrolled this fall at Martin Luther College. Please see the separate sheet for ideas how you or a group of friends could offer support to her as she starts her college education here. **Special Note: If you are inclined to help out, be sure to send your notice of what you intend to do first to Pastor Spiegelberg.** That way there won't be duplications. This special request is not for anyone on our current Befriend a Mission list, but was shared with us because of our proximity to the college and ability to perhaps fill some of her needs. Thanks! And, if you run into Evodia in the coming months or years, be sure to introduce yourself. We can all help her feel welcome in this new (and colder) culture!

LWMS: Please see the separate information sheet for the upcoming rally in St. James on September 28th!

Paula Windschitl
LWMS Reporter