



The St. John's Messenger

Monthly Newsletter

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"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20).

"Go and make disciples!" It is such a short statement, and yet, coming from the mouth of our Savior, it has a great impact on us. These words, "go and make disciples," are the mission statement of Christ's church. It is the work Jesus gives to believers so that His church grows.

Think of all the blessings you have as a member of Christ's kingdom: a clear conscience because of Christ's forgiveness, anticipation of the great joy that awaits you in heaven, assurance that God works all things for your good, comfort in the face of death (yours or a loved one's). All these things are yours because someone obeyed Christ's command to "go and make disciples." Actually, not just one "someone", but many generations of "someones" wanted to serve their Savior and obeyed His command.

Now Christ has made you a part of His church, and He gives you the same command. It is our work to tell others about eternal life through Christ so that Christ's church continues to grow and so future generations have the same blessings of forgiveness and eternal life that we do.

We already do this. Through our Lutheran Elementary School we make disciples for future generations. Through our Synod Mission Offerings we train pastors and teachers and send them into mission settings. We also reach out into our community here in Sleepy Eye with the Gospel.

In the near future we will have an opportunity to learn more about how we can "go and make disciples". Missionary Tim Flunker will be here for several days at the end of September to show us ways we can effectively reach out to the Hispanic members of our community. Please plan on attending some of the meetings with Missionary Flunker (details will come soon), and also come and enjoy the Mission Festival celebration on September 28th.

As we follow Christ's command to "go and make disciples" Jesus promises that He already has all authority – He has the power to bless our efforts. He also promises to be with us so we have nothing to fear.

In Christ our Salvation,
Pastor Draper

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 12, 2008

Present: Van Tallman, Jim Mielke, Kurk Kramer, Barry Hillmann and Pastor Draper.

Pastor Draper opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

Minutes

Van Tallman/Jim Mielke made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Draper submitted a written report on statistics.

Treasurer's Report

Van Tallman read Treasurer's report. Barry Hillmann/Jim Mielke made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President's Report

No formal report.

Board of Elders

Van Tallmann/Barry Hillmann made a motion to transfer Tim and Brenda Grams family. Motion carried. Hog roast to be held on September 7 after second service. Gary Keulbs will get the hog and have it processed. Grilling will take place at Matt Steffen's house. The matching funds project will be discussed at a later date.

Principal & Board of Education

No formal report. Registration was held on August 8. Enrollment is expected to be in the low to mid 50's. It was recommended that the Draper family school fees be waived this year for the hard work they did over the summer. Van Tallmann/Barry Hillmann made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Worship Committee

It was recommended that Sunday School grades 6-8 join the Adult Bible Class as no teacher has been found. Van Tallmann/Barry Hillmann made a motion to approve. Motion carried. Finding a volunteer will still be pursued. New worship supplements will be introduced this year by Pastor.

Maintenance Committee

No report.

Outreach

No report.

Stewardship

No report.

Endowment and Trust Fund Committee

No report.

MVL/WELS

MVL – a written report was submitted by Kurk Kramer.

WELS – no report

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

Van Tallmann/Jim Mielke made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Barry Hillmann, Acting Secretary



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

It is easy to forget about those we do not often see in church or in the community. Our Ladies Aid visits as many of our homebound members as possible, but not all can be visited every month. Won't you help? An occasional phone call, card, or visit would be very appreciated.

Below is a list of our homebound members. Refer to it often as you consider how to reach out. An updated list will be included regularly in the church newsletter.

AT SLEEPY EYE CARE CENTER/COUNTRYSIDE 794-7995; res.'s line -3500

Mr. Elmer Lehnert	(Hall 2)	
Mrs. Minnie Stockstead	(Hall 2)	
Mrs. Jean Schulz	(Hall 1)	
Mr. Robert Sucker	(Countryside Apt. # 204)	794-3836
Mr. & Mrs. Roy & Viola Suker	(Countryside Apt. #206)	794-7708
Mrs. Neoma Schmid	(Countryside Apt. # 109)	794-7697

SLEEPY EYE: EAST

Mrs. Emilie Netzke	117 Remmele St. SE	794-6514
Mrs. Verna Painter	421 Summit St. SE	794-6624
Nita Brown	114 6 th Ave NE	794-3109

SLEEPY EYE: WEST

Mrs. Carol Eckstein	717 Walnut St. SW	794-6910
Mr. Leonard Lowinske	405 W. Main	794-6818
Esther Pabst	724 Water St. SW	794-6726
Agnes Piotter	416 3 rd Ave. NW	794-6044
Mrs. Norma Siegmann	200 5th Ave. SW	794-3196
Mrs. Anna Peterman	Divine Providence #205	794-2505

OUT OF TOWN

Hanska – Mrs. Elaine Keim	Rt. 1, Box 74	794-6697
New Ulm - Mrs. Melva Christensen	Orchard Hill L.C. 1220 Karl Dr #107	233-9617
Mankato – Don Radel	N. Point Senior L.C. 2135 Lor Ray Dr. #208	



MLC Auxiliary

The Annual meeting of the Martin Luther College Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday, October 8th at Martin Luther College. This meeting is open to anyone who is interested in the promotion of the college and the various projects supported by the Auxiliary. Come and see what is new this year on campus! Further details will be outlined in next month's newsletter. Talk it over with your friends and make plans to attend this event, where a highlight is always attending chapel with the students!

Paula Windschitl
MLC Auxiliary

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

The LWMS Fall Rally of our Minnesota Valley Circuit will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in St. Peter, MN. Jesus Cares Ministry will be the focus of this year's rally, with Mrs. Julie Lutetke speaking. Pastor David Bendix will present a bible study based on women of the Bible.

Further details will be presented in next month's newsletter, as well as in bulletin announcements prior to the rally. Mark your calendar now to plan to attend! It's a great opportunity to meet with other women who have a heart for missions.

Paula Windschitl
LWMS Reporter

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 6th at 2PM. Our devotion based on Genesis, Chapter 4, Vs. 4 & 5 was from Martin Luther's "By Faith Alone".

A thank you was received from LWMS for our recent donation of \$123.94. The offering went to the Kids Care Mission Project.

The annual meeting of the MLC Auxiliary will be held October 8th at MLC.

A motion was made to give \$50.00 to Jesus Cares Ministry. Motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to order 10 large print meditations, at the cost of \$16.50 per copy. Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to order 5 Cradle Roll packets. Motion carried.

St. John's work day at the Treasure Haus is the first Friday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome. Store hours are from 10AM to 4PM.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Hosanna Circle. It will be on Thursday, September 4th at 7PM. Come join us!

Marilyn Deibele
Secretary

Open House Bridal Shower

will be held for

Joeleen Towick,

bride-to-be of Nicholas Hacker

on Sept. 13th @ 10AM

*@ the home of Laurie Halvorson
(309 Maple St. S.E.)*

The couple is registered at Kohls, Target, Herbergers, and Tupperware
<http://my.tupperware.com/reeneholm>

