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NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO COME TO THE LORD'S HOUSE!

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"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord.'" (Psalm 122:1) We who are genuine children of God – sincere believers in Jesus Christ – are glad to be in the house of the Lord. We love the Lord, we love the gifts of salvation the Lord gives us in His house, and we love to pray to Him and give Him our thanks and praise in return for all His goodness.

Many of us have been going into the house of the Lord nearly every Sunday, even in these recent months during the COVID pandemic. We thank the Lord that, with the health precautions in place, we have been able to receive His word and Supper, and pray, praise, and give thanks in safety.

Some among us have been concerned about the COVID pandemic – and very understandably so – and have chosen to stay home from church until community health conditions improve. We thank the Lord we have been able to post the divine services of the His house on YouTube and Facebook, and to keep the audio podcast on our website for the benefit of those who are at home.

Some among us have been away from the Lord's house for quite some time, perhaps because of work schedules, or because of general busyness, or because of matters of health or mobility difficulties or other reasons. Somehow these brothers and sisters got out of the healthy and God-pleasing habit of regular worship in the Lord's house. We thank the Lord He loves and welcomes us all, and is always ready to serve and bless us through the services of His house.

For *all* of us, **now is a great time to come to the Lord's house!** We thank God that, at this present time, the COVID pandemic has greatly subsided in our nation, and local community health conditions are much improved. The Elders are working on a plan to transition back toward more "normal" worship procedures in a safe and responsible manner, so as to maintain a healthy, yet less restrictive, setting for the divine services. (You may read about this elsewhere in this newsletter.) So if you have been away from the house of the Lord, now is a great time to come back.



Now is a great time to come to the Lord's house, most importantly of all, because **it is *always* a great time to come to the Lord's house!** For we come to the Lord's house because of the Lord Himself. We come because the Lord Jesus is present with His saving gifts. We come, not because of the pastor, or because of our friends, or to be entertained. We come because of the Lord Jesus!

Here in His house the Lord comforts, strengthens, teaches, and corrects us through the reading of His Scriptures and the preaching of His word. Here the Lord pronounces His absolution, declaring to us sinners His direct word of forgiveness. Here the Lord builds us up together in faith through His word in the hymns and creeds and liturgy. Here the Lord listens to our prayers, with the promise to answer them for our blessing. Here the Lord bestows His pardon and nourishes our life in Him through His holy Supper. Simply put, the house of the Lord is the place where He gives us His gift of everlasting life, and works to preserve us in that life.

Here in the Lord's house we listen eagerly and faithfully to receive His gifts. Here we respond to His saving grace with believing and grateful hearts as we sing His praises, pray with thanksgiving, and lay our offerings before Him. Here we encourage and edify one another as we confess the creeds, and as we speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. (Col. 3:16) These are the reasons the Lord wants us to come to His house, and why we, His children, love to come to His house.

So I invite and encourage and exhort you all in the name of Jesus Christ: Now is a great time to come to the Lord's house! May He work in us all so that we may sincerely pray: *"Lord, I love the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells."* (Psalm 26:8)

- Pastor Bishop

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August Birthdays
(cont'd)

August 21

Noah Kesselmayer
Angela Theleritis

August 22

William Ashbaker

August 23

Marilee Gregory
Heath Norman

August 24

Marian Allen

August 25

Honor Deiss
Dan Englebright
Bernice Mack
Cole Miller
Marlana Montgomery

August 26

Julianna Johnson
Beverly Wieland

August 27

Faye Kesselmayer
Casey Watson

August 29

Gerald Guengerich
Terry Norman
Jeffrey Theleritis

**AUGUST
ANNIVERSARIES**

August 01

Thomas & Erin
Theleritis

August 04

David & Karen
McCammon

August 06

Rev. Daniel & Deanna
Bishop

August 07

Robert & Vernice
Funk
Robin & Cindy Smith

August 08

Richard & Dianne
Lohnes

August 09

Steven & Faye
Kesselmayer
Adam & Rebecca
Miller

August 11

Shane & Jennifer
Decker

August 12

Curtis & Pamela
Woolsey

August 17

James & Joyce
Lonergan

August 20

Robert & Barbara Rosa

August 21

Trent & Carrie
Schmidgall

August 23

Jeffrey & Joanne
Ferree
Thomas & Rhonda
Lappie

August 26

J. Scott & Jennifer
Rosa Hinkley

August 30

Brian & Annette Ford

PARISH NOTES

Church Attendance

		Services
May 2021	549	16
May 2020	0	0
May 2019	628	13

Sunday School
Attendance

Through May 2021:	657
Through May 2020:	394
Through May 2019:	932

Acolytes—July

July 4

8:00	Lilly Daniels
10:30	Ella Friedinger

July 11

8:00	Ava Friedinger
10:30	Carter Miller

July 18

8:00	Ella Friedinger
10:30	Lilly Daniels

July 25

8:00	Carter Miller
10:30	Ava Friedinger

Acolytes—August

Aug 1

8:00	Lilly Daniels
10:30	Ella Friedinger

Aug 8

8:00	Ava Friedinger
10:30	Carter Miller

Aug 15

8:00	Ella Friedinger
10:30	Lilly Daniels

Aug 22

8:00	Carter Miller
10:30	Ava Friedinger

Aug 29

8:00	Lilly Daniels
10:30	Ella Friedinger

Elders Communion
Assistance
July & August

July 4

8:00	Tom Ivey
10:30	Jon Bolt

July 18

8:00	Aaron Miller
10:30	Jon Bolt

Aug 1

8:00	Tom Ivey
10:30	Brian Umbach

Aug 15

8:00	Aaron Miller
10:30	Del Beideck

Aug 29

8:00	Joe Szadkowski
10:30	Jon Bolt

Videographers—
July

Bradley & Brandon Hoover

August
Rod Bollinger

Worship Chairman—
July

Diane Gould

August
Jim Lonergan

Ushers—July

8:00

Jim Lonergan
Jim Widby
Merle Wiseman

10:30

Brian Ford
Nate Ford
Trent Hoover
Brian Umbach

Ushers—August

8:00

Jerry Bohannan
Randy Couch
Steve Kesselmayer
Noah Kesselmayer

10:30

Ross Gould
Jacob Gould

Special Meetings

Parent — Confirmation Meeting

There will be a meeting with the parents of confirmation students on Sunday, August 15, at 11:45 a.m.

Confirmation class will begin on Wednesday, August 18, at 4:00 p.m.

GSLS Parents

We will have a meeting with the parents of GSLS students on Sunday, August 22, after the 10:30 service.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting

will be Wednesday, August 25, at 7:00 pm.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Please notify the church secretary of any corrections that need to be made for addresses, birthday, Baptism, or wedding anniversary lists, etc. If a date is wrong or somebody has been omitted from something, we want to get it right. We want to have all our lists and records fully accurate and as up to date as possible. Thank you for your help.

You may phone the church office with your information, send a note in the mail, or email Sandy at the church office: stjohnsec@grics.net.

College Students

Parents, we would like the name of your college student and his or her address and the name of the college or university that your child(ren) will be attending this coming fall. We would like to send them the Journal. Thank you.

RALLY DAY

For Sunday School will be Sunday, August 29. Students will be promoted to the next grade.

REMINDER



that September is the month that St. John's collects nonperishables for Christian Civic Outreach.

PRIVATE COMMUNION SERVICES AVAILABLE

If you have been uncomfortable coming to church during the pandemic, you may still receive the Lord's Supper. Pastor Bishop is happy to come to your home, or to have you come here to church, to conduct a short and simple service of Holy Communion for you.

We are able to do this in a safe and sanitary manner, with masks and proper distancing. So if you have gone without the Lord's Supper for quite a while, please feel free to contact Pastor to make arrangements. You may simply call the church at 347-2136, and mornings are usually the best time to reach him there.

TREASURER'S REPORT May, 2021



	<u>May</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	44,620.37	175,872.54
<u>EXPENSES</u>	34,353.46	204,077.06
<u>INCOME</u>	10,266.91	- 28,204.52
<u>EXPENSE</u>		

General Fund Accounts

General Fund	- 7,719.97
General Fund Total	- 1,719.97

Educational Fund Accounts

Educ. Grant Fund Checking	4,727.56
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/21	51,928.87
Ed Grant CD LCMS 12/22	51,928.86
Ed Grant Fund #2 Vanguard	70,658.56
Educational Fund Total	179,243.85

East Bluff Property

East Bluff Property Vanguard	43,040.48
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/21	53,837.70
East Bluff CD LCMS 12/22	53,887.70
Cat Stock at FMV	88,959.52
	239,675.40

Building Fund Checking	18,659.19
Sunday School Fund Checking	11,329.35
Memorial Fund Checking	34,250.60

TOTAL ASSETS **481,438.42**

Checking Acct Balance	67,246.73
	67,246.73

LIABILITIES

Payroll Liabilities	2,166.19
Misc. LCMS Orgs Fund	(15.00)
Total Liabilities	2,151.19

Fund Balance

Net Income (Loss)	(28,204.52)
Capital Accounts	507,491.75
Total Fund Balance	479,287.23

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE **481,438.42**

A wise old owl lived in an oak,
The more he saw, the less he spoke;
The less he spoke, the more he heard,
Why can't we be like that old bird?

What do you get when you cross an
Owl with a Billy Goat?
A hootenanny.

A Plan for Transitioning back toward more “Normal” Church Procedures

This plan is to be put into place at the beginning of July, 2021.

Face coverings – Follow current CDC guidelines. (Presently: Face coverings are optional for people who are fully vaccinated, and recommended for people who are not.)

Hymnals – Put them back in the pew racks, and resume normal use.

Bulletins – Return to the form we used before, with worshipers following the liturgy in the hymnal, guided by the order of service printed on the extended margin of the bulletin.

Holy Communion – Resume Distribution at the Communion rail as before, with the common cup for those who desire it. Pastor will use a high grain alcohol content liquid (intended for human consumption) on the purificator cloth for additional sanitizing of the common cup between communicants. Pastor and Elders will use hand sanitizer before the Distribution.

Also maintain for now the walk-through Distribution at the end of the Distribution time for communicants who are not yet comfortable with communing close together at the rail. Pastor and Elders will wear masks during the walk-through Distribution. Reassess this as time progresses.

Pews – Leave signs for every-other-pew seating in the back half of the pulpit side and in the balcony for now, so as to maintain areas of social distancing for worshipers who desire it. Remove the signs from the other areas. Reassess this as time progresses.

7:00 p.m. service – Continue to use the main sanctuary for now to provide space for ample social distancing for those who desire it. Reassess this as time progresses.

Ushering out of church – Allow people to exit the sanctuary on their own, without ushering, as before. (Worshipers who wish to maintain social distancing may exit by a side aisle, or wait until other worshipers have exited.)

Hand sanitizer – Leave hand sanitizer dispensers on the tables in the narthex and in the lower elevator annex; also on a stand near the front of the center aisle for Communion services.

Friendship booklets – Put them back in the pew racks, and resume normal use.

Offering – Resume normal use of offering plates and normal offering procedures.

Greeting – Pastor will continue to greet outdoors in good weather, shaking hands with those who wish to.

Choir and Handbells – These may resume when they are ready.

Church sanitizing – To be determined by Trustees.

Coffee and donuts – Continue serving from the kitchen window by a server wearing a mask and food- handling gloves.

Note: Since it has been determined that the spread of COVID by surface contact is very rare, we believe it is safe to resume use of hymnals, friendship booklets, and offering plates, especially if worshipers maintain good hand washing and hand sanitizing practices.

Please continue to practice good public health procedures, including hand washing and sanitizing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when you are ill. Please also be considerate toward other worshipers who may prefer to maintain social distancing, or who are not yet comfortable shaking hands.

We thank everyone for your patience, understanding, and cooperation. *(approved by Elders, 6/27/21)*

HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY June 14, 2021

Mike Nauth called the meeting to order. A quorum was not present so all motions will be carried over to the next meeting. Mike Nauth opened with devotions.

The May Parish report was provided.

The May Assembly meeting minutes were provided.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Drockelman presented the treasurer's report.

Board of Trustees – Gary Pool reported that we have accepted an offer for \$112,500 for the property located at 500 S. 8th St (parsonage and parking lot). Closing is set for July 16th. The only stipulation on the contract was the performance of a radon inspection, which will probably be completed this week. Gary wanted to extend his thanks to everyone who helped with cleaning and painting at the parsonage, especially Dave and Jennifer Kesselmayer for all the work they did on the parsonage in order to get it ready to sell.

Gary further reported that the process of getting estimates to paint the exterior stone work around the sanctuary continues. So far, we have 3 estimates which have a wide range in cost. The Trustees were hoping to make a motion at tonight's meeting for an amount not to exceed \$42,000 and to be completed this summer/fall. If we wait for the September meeting for a vote, we risk the chance that the work cannot get done this year. Painting will help seal the stone against the weather. We did have this work done about 6 years ago and had hoped that it would last longer but the paint is starting to peel. It is hoped that this time the paint will last 8-10 years. Tom Ivy inquired as to whether there could be a special Assembly Meeting called in a few weeks to address this specific topic. That meeting would take place after a church service so a quorum can be present. It was indicated that we need to speak with Pastor before doing so and notice would have to be put in the bulletin.

Gary also noted that many people have indicated that the landscaping work done around the church looks very nice. Gary extended thanks to Dave Kesselmayer, Kathy Heisel and anyone else who contributed for all their work on this project.

Board of Elders – Tom Ivey reported that work continues on the process of getting in touch with inactive members. It was noted also that the Elders will continue working on procedures for a path to re-opening after the pandemic (it was announced in church on Sunday that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks but it is still recommended that non-vaccinated people continue to do so).

Board of Finance – Nancy Drockelman reported that the board met in May with Eric Walker, treasurer of Good Shepherd School, about the subject of employer matching funds. At the beginning of this year, private schools who meet certain criteria are eligible for matching funds donated by employers. Good Shepherd School does qualify. As an example, if a member gave a donation of \$500 to the school, an employer would match those funds. Good Shepherd would then reduce the church's obligation to the school by what the member donated. In addition, the school would pick up the donation from the employer. The board is brainstorming ideas now. It was noted that this is an absolute win for the school. We would need to find employers who offer the ability to match charitable funds

Board of Christian Education – No report.

Board of Worship – Valerie Ferguson reported that the committee did meet earlier this month. The brass quarter that played at Easter will perform on Sunday July 4th. Allison Harley is coordinating the effort. The committee is also looking into getting new letters for the sign at the entryway of the church so messages can be posted.

Board of Evangelism – No report.

Board of Stewardship – No report.

Long Range Planning Committee – No report.

Educational Grant Fund Committee – No report

East Bluff Property Committee – No report.

Constitution By-laws Committee – No report.

Unfinished business –

There was no unfinished business.

New business – Dave Drockelman asked if we are going to have a booth at the Marigold Festival this year. Mike Nauth indicated that he did see a disbursement this month for the Marigold Festival. It was indicated that we will need volunteers to man the booth during the festival.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wagner
Secretary

Calling a Special Voters Meeting for Sunday, July 11
between services in the gym to discuss a painting project. Please attend as we need a quorum to vote on this project.

SHUT-INS for the MONTH: Even though some of our shut-ins this month.

Shut-ins for July are: Bob Scott, Washington Senior Living, 1123 Newcastle Rd., Washington 61571; Ben Urish, 2236 Mayflower Dr., Pekin; Bob Watson, 1503 Anna Rd., Pekin and Addie Weyhrich, Pekin Manor, 1520 El Camino Dr., Pekin.

Shut ins for August are: Pastor Kesselmayer, 1116 S. 4th St., Pekin; Kay King, 1426 Lake St., Pekin; Joyce Long, 2204 State St., Pekin and Bernice Mack, Washington Christian Village, 1201 Newcastle Rd., Washington 61571. Thank you from your St. John's Ladies Guild.

LIBRARY CORNER

By Eileen Tiona



"Give Your servant a discerning heart to govern Your people and to distinguish between right and wrong." 1 Kings 3:9

I haven't any new books to report on this month, but you are welcome to come into the library and check out all the other wonderful books that are available for your enjoyment.

The Church Mouse

Do you have a truck?

Because of restrictions in 2020, Lutheran Hillside Village had to store items that were intended to be donated to The Church Mouse. The storage space is FULL. Do you have a truck? We need you! Maintenance men at LHV will help load. Volunteers at The Church Mouse will unload. We truly just need your time to drive back 'n forth. If you are willing to serve the LORD in this way, please contact Phil King (309) 683-1298 or Shirley Lewis (309) 673-2363. Thank you.

Volunteers needed

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve your community? The Church Mouse could use your helping hands! Daytime hours Mon-Sat. Located at 600 West Main Street, Peoria (near Bradley University) They are always looking for volunteers. Try it. See if it is a good fit for you. If you would like more information, contact Shirley Lewis (309) 673-2363.

SHARE PROGRAM

needs the following items:

Boost, Gatorade, toilet paper, Corn, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Applesauce, canned fruit and cereal. Thank you to all for your help in keeping the Share Program stocked. It very much appreciated.

ORGANIZATIONS

FELLOWSHIP CLUB

will meet on Sunday, August 1, between services (after Sunday School opening) in the gym to discuss how to proceed with meetings.

YOUTH GROUP

will meet on July 18 at 4:00 p.m. for an afternoon of mini golf at Pekin Park.

August plans are still in the planning stage at this time. Watch future bulletins for more information.

WOMEN'S GUILD By Leslie Hauk



Ladies' Guild will hold our annual picnic on July 22. Place and time to be determined. Please bring a covered dish, your own table service and join the festivities. Meat will be provided.

In lieu of a regular meeting in August we will be dining out at a restaurant to be determined. The date is August 26 and more details will be shared in the weekly bulletin as the date gets closer.

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that September is the month that St. John's collects nonperishables for Christian Civic Outreach.



Transferred To The Church Triumphant

Howard Proehl
July 5, 1945
June 4, 2021

Nancy Bonnette
July 2, 1956
June 5, 2021

Eric Riley
June 14, 1956
June 22, 2021

INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 4 IS ON A SUNDAY this year and the divine service that day will include Scripture readings that speak of God's institution of governing authorities and the responsibilities He has given the, together with the responsibilities we have toward God and His servants in the government. The service will also include prayers and hymns for the nation, with special brass music.



for your calls, cards, gifts and prayers and also to Pastor Bishop for his visits and prayers for Howie. **Pat Proehl** and family

THANK YOU - The Peoria Area Lutherans for Life would like to thank you for your participation in the 2021 Diaper Shower. Thanks to the generosity of you and several local Lutheran churches, we collected over 1100 baby diapers, 234 adult diapers and 1152 diaper wipes. They were distributed to the Peoria Empower Life Center, Pekin Living Alternatives, and the Peoria Women's Care Center. Please join us at our next meeting on Monday, September 20th, at 6:30 pm, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Road, Morton, IL. Please contact LFL Chapter President, Bob Wegner, at cbwegner@outlook.com if you would like more information. We welcome everyone to come, learn, and join us in serving the Lord of Life.

In Our Prayers

If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

All our shut-ins	
Adam Jackson—member of Armed Services (grand-nephew of Lila Lisenbee)	
Pastor Niemann	Pastor Kesselmayer
Robert Scott	Stacie Kendall
Sandy Morgan	Billie Jackson
Flo McClure	Joe Goodin
Rick Jarvis	Peggy Patten
Larry Turner	Robert Gregory
Joyce Long	Michelle Watson
Brittany Allen	Jerry Guengerich
Mary Mantovoni	Robert Rilea
Leia Stewart	Stanley Ehmke
Rhonda Lappie	Jill Jennings
Peggy Farlin	Marlana Montgomery
Keith Gleason	Pat Flatley
Anna Knussman	Mary Beck
Randy Knussman	

St. John's Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

The next meeting for St. John's Women in Faith LWML is Saturday, September 4, at 10:00 AM in the church basement. All women are invited to come. Lynne Johnson, director of the Pekin Outreach Center, will be the guest speaker. Pekin Outreach Center is a house in Pekin that is open to the homeless during the day where they are fed a meal, can wash their clothes, and shower. Lynne will be speaking on how we can help the homeless in the Pekin area. The following is a list of needed items that will be collected in boxes at the church during the month of August:

"Off" bug spray	flashlights	warm socks
Coffee	Coffee pods	creamer
Sweetener	sugar	Lysol spray
Clorox wipes	hand soap	hand soap refills
disposable gloves		

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LCMS FOUNDATION Years ago, two seminary students were walking on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary. Most of the buildings on campus had a nameplate depicting important leaders that blessed the Church in ancient times.

But the gym had a name on it that was unfamiliar. It was the Wambsgans Gymnasium. They started asking around to see if anyone knew who Wambsgans was. No one knew. It seemed odd that a plaque that was supposed to establish a legacy for this guy wasn't really accomplishing its purpose.

Years later, both of those pastors, serving at different times, served a congregation full of members from a Wambsgans family. They were cousins, nieces, or nephews of the guy with the name on the gym. Family knew he had played professional baseball. But beyond that, none of them had many stories to share of this man.

Living life, creating a legacy, hoping to be remembered is a task seldom accomplished. A couple generations after you have passed, no one will talk about you anymore. But if you have shared the Gospel, worked with others to share the Gospel or supported the ministry of sharing the Gospel in the Church financially, that grace of God will be generating new believers one generation after the next. It's a force multiplying thing, that lasts, for eternity.

If you really want to think about creating a legacy, let that be your goal. Share Jesus. Use your gifts for sharing Jesus. Plan your estate to remind family of Jesus' gifts and use estate gifts to support ministry when you are no longer here. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

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HAIRS	MASTER
HOUSE	MEMBERS
ISRAEL	NUMBERED
PENNY	PARENTS
REBEL	PROCLAIM
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SAVED	SERVANT
STANDS	SPARROWS
TRUTH	STUDENT
WORTH	TEACHER

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